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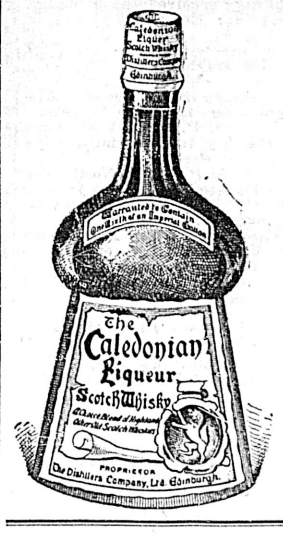

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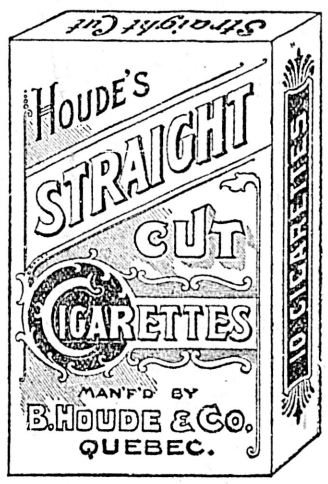

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AUSTRIAN ADMIRAL.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—Emperor Francis Joseph has appointed Prince Henry of Prussia an admiral in the Austrian navy.

SIR JAMES PAGET DEAD.

London, Dec. 30.—The death is announced of Sir James Paget, surgeon to the Queen, in his eighty-sixth year.

Moralists' Review

Sanguinary and Costly War Contrasted With Promise of Perpetual Peace.

Economic Writers Busy Theorizing About Financial and Industrial Outlook.

Strong Men of the Cabinet and Weak Colleagues Who May Be Retired.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 31.—Cabling from London under Saturday's date the correspondent of the Tribune says:

"This is Moralists' Day, and everything is under review, from high finance and Boer hunting to dramatic literature and horse racing. The moralists themselves are demoralized when they attempt to reconcile the most sanguinary and costly war in recent British annals with Lord Pauncefote's championship of the principles of peace at The Hague congress, and they have only the opening chapter of the war to summarize, with the record that England was unprepared and entrapped in an ambuscade without a sequel of disasters retrieved and the Empire delivered from deadly peril. The moralists have trouble enough in finding cause for cheerfulness in the tangled skein of the events of a singularly confusing and disagreeable year, without facing the problems of mathematics and chronology, and attempting a view of the receding ranges of the nineteenth century with their many historical landmarks. That is a task deferred by common consent for another twelvemonth.

"The economic writers, perhaps, are the loudest croakers, for they cannot close their eyes to the industrial and financial tendencies of a war of unexpected magnitude. The displacement of more than 100,000 workers involves a rise in wages and industrial disturbances, and inevitable increase in the cost of living. For the first time in many years there is a 6 per cent. bank rate, and the dearness of money paralyzes business and impoverishes industries. Money may be cheaper during the opening weeks of the new year, with the release of dividends and the accommodation provided by the shipment of gold from New York, but the keenest observers are convinced that this relief would be temporary, and that the burdens upon capital and industry would be increased by official methods of financing the war, and by the continued pressure of the scarcity of gold.

"The Bank of England would be on trial during the next year. Although it has always been regarded as founded upon solid rock, it has shown its inability during recent years to retain possession of any portion of the immense stock of new gold which has been added to the world's working reserves, and now that the Transvaal supply has been cut off, it is a question whether even a high rate of interest will prove strong enough to attract bullion from foreign markets. Two millions sterling have come from America during the last week, but ten more are needed for home use, and immense reserves are required for carrying out the Viceroy's gold standard policy in India.

"Treasury methods of war finance are still kept in the dark. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has announced a small issue of treasury bills early in the week, to replace maturing bills for war purposes, and there is some evidence that he intends to persevere in using ordinary revenue for meeting exceptional expenditures on a large scale. The war will soon cease to have what little popularity it has if the burdens are not carried forward and saddled upon a future generation by a large increase of the national debt.

"Rumors of cabinet re-organization are in the air, but it is not probable that there will be any changes unless General Buller meets with a serious disaster. Lord Lansdowne would then be marked out for slaughter, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be likely to follow him. The strength of the cabinet now lies in four men, Salisbury, Balfour, Chamberlain and Goschen. These four leaders are at their best where they are, and no sub can be found for any of them.

The persistent rumor that Lord Salisbury will retire from the premiership as well as the foreign office, and that the Duke of Devonshire will succeed him at one post and Lord Rosebery at the other, are idle inventions. The Duke of Devonshire has steadily lost influence during recent years, and could not lead the Unionist party, and Lord Rosebery is embarrassed by a swarm of super-serviceable friends who are always nominating him for any office in sight, whether soon in the gift of one party or the other. There are weak men in the cabinet, notably Lord Lansdowne, who has a talent for consulting private partizans instead of experienced military advisers, and also Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, who brings a small mind to bear upon the solution of large and complex questions, but there will be no immediate chances of promotion for younger men like Mr. George Wyndham, unless the British arms are overwhelmed with disaster in Natal, and it becomes necessary to throw overboard one or more of the Jonahs."

A LONG VACATION.

From the Kamloops Inland Sentinel.

Before another issue of the Inland Sentinel the nineteenth century will be a thing of the past. We sincerely hope that the first year of the twentieth century will prove to all our readers one of marked prosperity.

PALACE CAR COMBINE.

New York, Dec. 31.—The formal transfer of the Wagner Palace Car Co. to the Pullman Car Co. took place yesterday.

QUEEN'S NEW YEAR'S HONORS

Diplomatic Services Prominent in the Shorter List Than Usual—New Canadian K. C. M. G.

London, Jan. 1.—The Queen's list of New Year honors published last evening shows fewer names than usual.

Sir John Lubbock and Sir Henry Stafford Northcote, governor of Bombay, are created Peers.

Baron Cromer, British diplomatic agent in Egypt, Lord Montague Rowton and Mr. Wm. Winther Bramston Beach, Conservative member for the Andover division of Hants, the Commoner who has seen the longest service, are appointed members of the Privy Council.

Mr. Chas. Norton Eliott, the British member of the Samoan high commission, is appointed Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George. Naval captains Stewart and Sturdee are designated companions of St. Michael and St. George for their services in Samoa.

Messrs. Geo. Buchanan and Henry Cunningham are made Companions of the Bath in recognition of their services in connection with the Venezuelan boundary arbitration commission. Capt. Williams Abney, principal assistant secretary of the Science and Art department, is designated a Knight Commander of the Bath.

Among the new knights is Dr. Thos. Lauder Brunton, physician to St. Bartholemew's hospital.

Lieutenant-Governor Daly of Nova Scotia is appointed Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

Loyal Colonists Check Rebels

Britishers Being Armed to Deal With Disaffected Dutch Neighbors.

Many Attempts to Wreck Railway Detected in Northern Cape Colony.

By Associated Press.

Capetown, Dec. 31.—The colonial authorities are using every precaution to prevent an insurrection on the part of the disloyal Dutch in Cape Colony and to suppress a rising if it should occur. Everywhere the British colonists are being organized into home guards, drilled, armed and ready to act in their respective localities should armed Dutch colonists gather. The theory is that the British home-staying colonials should be fully prepared to cope with the Dutch colonists without the aid of regulars. The alertness of the British makes united action on the part of the pro-Boer residents difficult. Unable to act openly, they slip away singly or in small groups to join the nemy's force. The authorities have been informed of many centres of agitation, which it is considered undesirable to particularize, but there is nothing like concerted action apparent over wide districts.

The case of Mr. Michael, solicitor to the Boer company, who is accused of treason, acquires increased importance as he has been transferred from the custody of the civil authorities here to the military authorities at De Aar. His high position causes the Dutch to watch his caLse keenly.

Parties of Boers have been operating some seventy miles south of Lord Methuen's position.

Boers appeared on Christmas day near the railway about 29 miles south of De Aar. A force of the Duke of Edinburgh's Own Volunteers prepared to engage them but the enemy retired. Another party fired into a British patrol camp during the night of December 27. This was on Victoria Road.

An attempt was made not far from that point to damage the railroad. One man was caught in the act and shot. A similar attempt was made between Maltansolei and Khammuss but the would-be wreckers escaped. Like attempts are reported from several other points. Evidently small parties of Boers or Dutch colonists have been trying to interrupt the movement of trains but thus far they have been baffled by the elaborate British patrolling.

In one case a partol of regulars fired on a patrol of colonials. The latter were wearing broad-brimmed hats and were mistaken by the British for Boers. No casualties occurred but in consequence of the incident an order has been issued requiring all classes of troops to wear helmets.

London, Jan. 1.—The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Capetown: "Ninety-five per cent. of the Bechuana farmers in the Vryburg district joined the Boers, helping them to loot the stores throughout the country north of Orange River. They also undertook to invest Mafeking, while Gen. Cronje's men went south to meet Lord Methuen's. The government of Bechuanaland is being administered just as if the Dutch had been in possession for ages."

All Well at Ladysmith.

But Boers Showing Greater Confidence and Missiles Now Proving Deadly.

Sending in Plugged Shells With Plum Pudding and Season's Compliments.

Methuen's Position Unchanged —Varying Fortunes in Cape Colony.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 31.—A despatch from Ladysmith by way of Weenan dated Friday, December 29, says: "All well. The Boers have been firing plugged shells containing plum pudding and the compliments of the season. They are fortifying their positions and are evidently determined to make a firm stand."

The following heilograph message has been received by way of Weenan from Ladysmith dated Wednesday, December 27: "The Boers are actively bombarding the town. One shell struck the Devonshire mess tent, killing Capt. Dalzell and wounding seven lieutenants, Dent, Twiss, Tringman, Caffyn, Byrne, Safe and Kane."

London, Jan. 1.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marques, dated December 29, says: "It is reported from Ladysmith by way of Pretoria that the British are destroying their heavy cannon, prior to a final sortie."

Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 30.—Owing to the flooding of the Tugela river a large party of Boers have been cut off on the south side. They are reported to be in the hills to the right of Chieveley.

London, Dec. 31.—The war office publishes the following despatch dated yesterday from the general officer commanding at Capetown:

"Methuen's position is unchanged.

"French reports that the Boers, fearing their communications would be cut by our cavalry, have retired to Colesberg.

"Hear unofficially from Sterkstroom a British reconnaissance from Dordrecht engaged superior forces and was obliged to retire on Dordrecht."

Later Montmorency, on December 30, met a superior force using artillery, operated to the rear of the Boers. In the course of the day he was compelled to withdraw to Dordrecht in good order, assisted by sixty men sent from Dordrecht, before which we are in position for defence. The following casualties are reported: One severely wounded.

A correspondent of the Associated Press at Sterkstroom, telegraphing December 31 regarding the reconnaissance north of Dordrecht described in a despatch to the war office, says: "Capt. Montmorency and the 21st Lancers' patrol of 120 was reconnoitering north of Dordrecht. He met the Boers at Labuschagne's Nek. They opened fire and the British replied. The fighting continued for six hours, when the Boers received strong reinforcements, including artillery. Capt. Montmorency retired and took a defensive position at Dordrecht."

London, Jan. 1—All the correspondents are beginning to hint of a forward movement on the part of Gen. Buller, the danger of which is indicated in a despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Frere, recording the unfortunate failures of two reconnaissances. In one case the Boer lines at Colenso were to have been bombarded by night. Mounted men drew the Boer fire, and it was intended that the naval guns should bombard. This, however, failed, and the reconnoitering party was compelled to flounder back to camp through the wet and stormy night. According to the same correspondent a similar fate happened to another reconnaissance in the opposite direction.

It is roughly estimated that there are 25,000 Boers between Ladysmith and Colenso, some 400 being on the south side of the Tugela river. At all points the enemy shows ceaseless activity. A large number of Americans are said to have been finding their way into the various volunteer regiments in Cape Colony.

London, Jan. 1.—A despatch to the Daily Mail, from Kimberley dated Friday, December 22, says: "We have food enough for three months. Fresh fruit and vegetables are obtainable daily from Kenilworth and water is plentiful and excellent."

In the absence of confirmation, the reports of sorties from Ladysmith and Mafeking are discredited. Col. Baden-Powell's silence, however, causes some uneasiness.

The despatches from the front to-night all breathe a confident spirit.

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IN SHOW WINDOWS.
AT HARRY SALMON'S
THE CORNER.

Contraband By Delagoa

Transvaal Agents Making Local Famine While Awaiting Foreign Supplies.

British Now Stopping All Supplies—A Consul General Losing Caste.

London, Jan. 1.—A despatch from Delagoa Bay says: "The Transvaal agents here have bought up all the available milk, sugar and coffee. They have managed to get large orders sent for shipment here by French and German steamers. Prices have advanced 50 per cent. in consequence, and the stocks are very short. Something like a famine is threatened, as the British government is stopping all goods consigned here from coast ports. Several members of the volksraad meet every steamer, doubtless to give orders.

Portugal is doing her best to maintain neutrality but foreign opinion in Lorenzo Marques is generally in favor of actively assisting the Boers to procure food supply.

Herr Pett, the Transvaal consul-general here, is losing Lloyds' agency and the agencies for the Castle Union and Blacknail steamship line in consequence of the position he holds.

The proofs of contraband traffic increases daily. It is alleged that European officers arrive at Delagoa Bay every week and proceed to Boer lines.

London, Jan. 1.—The morning papers are inclined to refrain from commenting upon the Bundesrath incident pending further information. The Daily Chronicle says: "The incident was unfortunate but the Germans may await the result of the inquiry with confidence in every fairness."

The Standard says: "We feel sure that Germany will recognize the unimpeachable validity of our position. We shall enforce such claims as we possess with every desire to cause the least possible inconvenience to trade among friendly states. At the same time, we shall act with a firm determination to assert our rights as a belligerent."

SEIZURE OF GERMAN LINER.

Boer Supplies Taken Possession of by British Warship at Delagoa Bay.

New York, Dec. 31.—Commenting on the seizure by a British man-of-war of the German steamer Bundesrath, the London correspondent of the Tribune says:

"As the relations of the German and British governments are friendly, it is not likely that serious complications will follow the seizure of the liner Bundesrath in Delagoa Bay by the Magicienne. The prize court at Durban needs, however, to be in close touch with the admiralty and foreign office in these troublesome times. The Bundesrath is a passenger steamer of the German East African line, and the Berlin foreign office cannot refuse the request of the directors at Hamburg for an immediate inquiry by the foreign office respecting the seizure. A Hamburg despatch states that there was no contraband of war on board, but this is denied by the officials at Durban. There were three German officers and twenty men on this ship, who were suspected of an intention of serving in the Boer army. If their presence on the ship be ground for seizure, important questions of international law arise. A few more international episodes may have the effect of forcing the British government to take action at Lisbon which will bring about the cession of territory and its partition with Germany. Whatever may be the international complications, the whole subject is enmeshed with difficulties, but the indefinite continuance of a sham neutrality detrimental to British interests is improbable."

Berlin, Dec. 31.—Regarding the seizure of the Bundesrath, a high official of the German office, who was interviewed by the correspondent of the Associated Press to-day, said: "Silence must be preserved at present concerning the actual status of the negotiations which have been begun with Great Britain about the matter. Appropriate steps have been taken of which Germany must await the result. The matter is regarded by Germany as of the utmost importance, because seriously involving the rights of neutrals."

This afternoon the foreign secretary, Count Von Buelow, conferred at the foreign office with his official advisers, and then reported to the Emperor. A cabinet meeting will consider the seizure. It is also asserted in government circles that the British right of search is questioned, and that in any event the British right to stop passengers, whether they intend to fight for the Boers or not, is strenuously disputed, as the vessel upon which they were is neutral, and the territory to which they were proceeding, namely Delagoa Bay, is also neutral. Redress, it is asserted, will be insisted upon by Germany.

LORD ROBERTS' AFFLICTION.

Shock of His Son's Death Came Rudely to the Veteran General—Proud of the Lad's Prowess.

London, Dec. 31.—Lord Roberts, says the Outlook, learned of his son's death at the Travellers' Club. He was talking to a distinguished general at a little distance from the tape round which was formed a circle of the members. Some one, who did not know Lord Roberts was present, exclaimed: "Good heavens! Bobs' son is killed." "What's that?" cried Roberts, elbowing his way to the tape. He read the fatal news, then walked out of the club without a word, the members gazing after him with silent, affectionate sympathy.

Lord Roberts was always proud of his son's riding powers. At the Irish meeting last year young Roberts rode clear away from the field, and won with a dozen lengths to spare. "My son must not be encouraged to ride. A soldier has to keep all his abilities for service," said Lord Roberts. Then, with a burst of paternal pride, he exclaimed: "But in all my life I never saw anyone ride better."

AMERICAN VICTORY.

Manila, Dec. 30.—Col. Locket has had a second engagement with the insurgents northwest of Montanaba and by a brilliant charge, drove the enemy from their position. One officer and five soldiers were injured. The loss of the insurgents was heavy.

QUEEN TO HER TROOPS.

Her Majesty's Christmas Greeting Sent to Every General in South Africa.

London, Jan. 1.—The Queen's message to the British troops in South Africa was sent to every general. It ran thus:

"I wish you and all my brave soldiers a happy Christmas. God protect and bless you all."

SALISBURY'S SON WOUNDED.

London, Dec. 31.—Advices from Pretoria regarding the sortie alleged to have been made from Mafeking on Monday last says that Lord Edward Cecil, son of Lord Salisbury, was among the wounded.

Delagoa Bay Not in Market

Portugal Too Proud of Possessing Colonies to Think of Sale at Present.

British and German Agreement Made Conditional on Her Free Consent.

London, Dec. 31.—Sir Charles Dilke in to-day's Chronicle ventures upon a shrewd explanation of the Anglo-German agreement respecting the Portuguese possessions in East Africa. He contends that there has been an agreement in existence for two years and that it relates to Delagoa Bay but that it is what conveyancing lawyers describe as an escrow deed which can have no binding force until it is executed. This is the view which is entertained in diplomatic circles. Great Britain and Germany have arranged a scheme of partition which will go into effect whenever Portugal is willing to sell out her possessions in that quarter. Portugal does not appear to be in any hurry to do this and consequently the contract for the extension of German East Africa to the Zambesi and the British occupation of Delagoa Bay is in a state of suspended animation.

The Portuguese policy is intelligible. The sale of her dependencies in East Africa will be the sign that Portugal is going out of business as a colonial power, as Spain has been forced to do. The Portuguese government is not ready to take this step. The fact that considerable possessions are retained in Africa and Asia while Spain has been forced to relinquish her colonies in the East and West Indies is a source of satisfaction and pride in Lisbon. The cession of Delagoa Bay, when its importance has been vastly increased by the discovery of gold fields and the outbreak of a race conflict for supremacy in South Africa, would be an unpopular policy which might provoke a revolution in Lisbon and overthrow the house of Braganza.

CONAN DOYLE'S VIEW.

War Office Entitled to Credit Rather Than Censure for Their Preparations.

London, Dec. 31.—Conan Doyle, the novelist, publishes a letter defending the war office personages from what he terms "unjust, hysterical and cowardly attacks upon men who are prevented by their official position from replying."

Due credit, he says, ought to be given the war office for its striking successes in the mobilization and despatch of so large a force to such a distant land in so short a time. All foreign authorities agree that this was a remarkable achievement. See how division after division is being formed and despatched, and yet how often we have been told that these divisions of reserves were non-existent.

"Surely also the war office has scored in the matter of guns. I am assured by expert officers that our field artillery is still the best in Europe. Certainly in this campaign it has silenced all field guns brought against it. In the exceptional circumstance of guns of position, being trundled about the country and used to outrange field artillery, the most we could fairly ask is that our authorities should at once adapt themselves to these novel conditions. This was very quietly done by the use of the naval guns on the spot and the despatch of siege guns from home.

"As to mounted infantry, this whole campaign is a thing destined perhaps to revolutionize warfare, and we can simply meet conditions as they are. The very large force now on its way is a sign of how adaptive and elastic we are. The real fact is we are fighting against a very tough lot of men, whom we shall certainly wear down in the long run, but who will give us many hard knocks, which we must bear in manly silence, without shrieks of 'Nous sommes trahis.' Let there be a reckoning at the end for whoever has done less than his best."

FRANCO-AMERICAN TREATY.

Opposition of French Farming and Machinery Interests May Postpone Ratification.

Paris, Dec. 31.—A stiff campaign against the Franco-American commercial treaty is about to be opened by the parliamentry opposition to the government and by the agriculturists. A majority of the agricultural associations have protested against granting the United States the minimum tariff while manufacturers of farming implements, cycles, and machine wools are deeply disturbed over the advantages accorded to the American competitors by the treaty. This anxiety is shared by the oil seed industry. The outcome of this feeling is a motion to be submitted to the chamber of deputies by members specially interested for the postponement of ratification until the alleged objectionable clauses have been elimited or modified.

MAHER AND THE KID.

New York, Dec. 31.—Despite reports that the pugilistic encounter between "Kid" McCoy and Peter Maher would not take place to-morrow afternoon at the Coney Island Athletic Club on account of death in the family of Maher, it is definitely announced to-night that the battle will take place at 3:30 p.m. to-morrow.

Pope's Successor Designated

Leo Nominates Cardinal Gotti as the Next Occupant of His High Office.

A Man of Great Piety and Modesty Living Simple and Rigorous Life.

Rome, Dec. 31.—It is asserted that the Pope, after the recent ceremony of the Holy Door at St. Peter's cathedral, addressed his intimate entourage and said:

"I thank Divine Providence for granting me the grace of being able to celebrate this great function, and I wish for my successor grandeur and a long reign to the greater glory of God.

"My successor will be young as compared with my own age, and will live to see many glories of the papacy and the church."

Later, Leo clearly designated Cardinal Girolamo Maria Gotti, president of the congregation of indulgences and sacred relics, as his successor. Cardinal Gotti, the famous Genoese monk, is a man of great piety and modesty. He is now about 64 years old; he has lived the life of an ascetic, and despite the dignity of a prince of the church, he always sleeps in a cell and on a hard mattress.

BOMBS IN MANILA.

Preparation to Throw Them at the Lawton Funeral Procession Fail of Success.

Manila, Dec. 31.—Four explosive bombs, fire arms and 500 rounds of ammunition were discovered in a house in the centre of Manila this morning, while the police were seeking Recarte, the insurgent leader who was said to have come to Manila in the hopes of effecting an outbreak yesterday by taking advantage of the mobilization of the American troops at Gen. Lawton's funeral. To-day it developed that the plot included the throwing of bombs among the consuls attending the ceremony, in order to bring about international complications. These, it seems, were to have been thrown from the Escolta building, but a change of route by the funeral procession spoiled the plans.

The populace, it is thought, had been prepared for the attempt by a rumor circulated widely among the natives yesterday that Aguinaldo was in Manila and would personally lead the outbreak. The American authorities having been advised of what was brewing, prepared for all contingencies.

Capt. Morrison, who commands the troops in the most turbulent district of the city, says he does not believe an actual uprising will ever occur as the natives lack the resolution to take the first steps in a movement that would entail fighting at close quarters with the American troops.

A HIBERNIAN GIFT.

"Finest and Largest Hospital Ship in the World" Tendered the Boers.

New York, Dec. 31.—Having already tired out the Fenian invasion idea, the Irish "patriots" have now concluded to subscribe several million dollars toward buying and equipping for the Boers the finest and largest hospital ship in the world. Commenting on this latest scheme the Tribune says:

"No one but an Irishman probably could have conceived the idea of a hospital relief ship for the Boers, which it is announced the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Philadelphia intends to fit out. Is this a deep laid plot to divert, by putting the Transvaal flag on the high seas, the attention of the British navy, and especially to prevent a naval bombardment of Pretoria? Or is the relief ship to be a prairie schooner and reach the scene of its operations overland, through Darkest Africa?"

New York, Dec. 31.—The United Irish societies of New York and vicinity held a mass meeting at the Academy of Music to-night, called to express sympathy with the Boers and opposition to England in consequence of the South African war. Senator Mason, of Illinois, Congressmen Sulzer and Cummings of New York and others addressed the meeting. Justice Fitzgerald of the Supreme court presided.

The resolutions adopted were somewhat out of the ordinary for meetings of this character. One deprecated the action of Canada in sending troops to defeat the Boers, and appealed to the hearts and conscience of this liberty-loving people to extend the hand of fellowship to "the patriots so bravely fighting to drive the invaders from the soil of their republic."

AT THE GERMAN COURT.

Imposing Ceremony and Religious Scene in Connection with New Year Reception.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The New Year court reception was a most impressive spectacle. It was preceded by divine service in the chapel of the castle in which their Majesties, the princes of the royal household, the ambassadors, ministers and high dignataries, joined. The sermon was on the momentousness of the hour, the preacher giving thanks for the blessings of the closing century and for those promised by the century about to begin.

SHOT BROTHER-IN-LAW.

Buffalo, Dec. 31.—Michael Rowan shot and fatally wounded his brother-in-law, Clement Porter, son of the late R. D. Porter, of Niagara Falls, early this morning. The men had been drinking and quarrelled in Porter's house.

THE GREAT WEST LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Evidence of the growth and solidity of the West and Western institutions is furnished by the statement of business just issued by the Great West Life Assurance Company: Business written 1899, $3,036,550.00; increase $869,000.00. Total business, $10,261,000.00; increase, $1,900,000.00. Premium income, $315,500.00; increase, $57,600.00. J. H. Brock, managing director of the Great West Life, states that his company has decided not to follow Eastern companies in the general advance of rates inasmuch as the development of the West furnishes a field for investment of the company's funds at rates which render an advance unnecessary.

FOREIGNERS AT SHANGHAI.

Extension of Concessions on Favorable Terms to Great Powers Concerned.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The extension of the foreign concessions at Shanghai, China, has been finally approved, bringing to a close a diplomatic controversy between Great Britain and the Uinted States and France that at times had been rather acute, France taking the position at one stage of the negotiations that American co-operation with the British opposing the French plan of extension was an unfriendly act towards France. This and other differences have been happily adjusted according to announcements from China which are borne out by the information of officials here. In the final adjustment, which is satisfactory to all, the French concession is extended without including the American missions.

The British and American settlements are extended and are to some extent merged in the international settlement, but the British-American extension does not so envelop the French colony as to place it in a pocket. The value of these central concessions is considerable as the population of Shanghai is about six hundred thousand, of which the greater part is in the foreign settlements. The foreigners have the right to carry on trade and control property and also have their own courts, police and an organized military establishment.

THE FRENCH CONSPIRATORS.

Court at Last Checks Abuse of Accused Towards Its Members—Spectator Drops Dead.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The senate sitting as the high court for the trial of the conspiracy charges was in session to-day in order to hasten the conclusion of the proceedings. A sensational incident occurred at the opening, when a spectator suddenly fell dead in the public gallery.

The session was chiefly devoted to a speech by M. Jules Guerin in his own defence. He vigorously attacked the senators and the public prosecutor and was becoming abusive when he received a sharp caution from M. Falliers, president of the court, who warned him to moderate his language, under penalty of being refused a hearing. He then proceeded until adjournment with an elaborate repudiation of the accusations against him.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Sale to the United States for Four Million Dollars on Eve of Completion.

London, Jan. 1.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States bids fair to be accomplished. For several days an attache of one of the principal United States embassies has been having long interviews with the Danish minister of finance, Dr. Hoerring, and this week Capt. Christmas will go to Washington to assist the completion of the negotiations. No opposition is expected from King Christian. The price has been fixed at $4,000,000."

BUENOS AYRES VOLUNTEERS.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 31.—Mr. Somerwell, a British resident in Buenos Ayres, is organizing a corps of fifty men who, when armed and equipped, will go to Capetown.

CANADIAN BREVITIES.

Cold Wave Passes Over Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Last night was the coldest of the winter throughout Eastern Canada. It was 5 below zero here, but at White River the mercury got down to 32 below. At Kingston it was 20 below, Ottawa 8 below, Montreal 4 below, and Halifax 22 below.

Henry McInerry was sentenced to-day to seven years' imprisonment for firing the Canadian Pacific elevator here.

Woodstock, Dec. 30.—Warren Totten, Q. C., an old resident, died this morning suddenly.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The death of David H. Hogg, of this city, wholesale dealer in photographic supplies, is announced from London while crossing the Atlantic on the Majestic from New York. Mr. Hogg fell on deck and broke his collar bone. An operation in London resulted fatally.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Ross McRitchie, a C. P. R. brakeman, injured two weeks ago, died to-day at the general hospital.

Halifax, Dec. 30.—The transport Laurentian arrived early this morning and will be fitted up at once. She will take 10 officers, 16 staff sergeants and sergeants, 314 troops and 315 horses. Hugh Allan says she will make faster time to the Cape than did the Sardinian.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Boston, Dec. 31.—Hon. Loring E. Baker, president of the Yarmouth Steamship Company, was found dead in his berth on the arrival of a New York train here to-day.

SHARING THE DUTY.

At his work he was peacefully doing his bit,
On full time, with a prospect serene,
When one night after tea, as his 'bacca he lit,
Someone called with a note from the Queen.
She just said, "I want you!" He gave the salute
Without quiver of muscle or nerve,
"Liz, next Sunday," says he, "I shan't want my best suit.
They have called out the Army Reserve."

A kiss to the wife, and a kiss to the kids—
They would miss him and Saturday's pay!
For he hadn't got any superfluous quids
That would keep 'em while he was away.
The outlook for them was uncommonly rough,
And dark fears in his bosom took shape.
But Her Majesty wanted him! That was enough,
And he's gone with his corps to the Cape.

Yes, Tommy has gone to the Cape with his corps,
And the women don't make any fuss,
But while he is doing our work at the war
There is something expected of us;
For the wives and the youngsters our money flows in,
To replenish the plate and the cap,
So kindly look sharp, me and all, with your tin,
Your duty's before you—pay up!

He's fighting our battles, he's bearing our scars,;
Remember the bullets that pelt,
And the hell-fire around 'neath the sun and the stars,
And the death-struggles out on the veldt.
He's fighting for us while we work and we play,
He will fail not, nor falter, nor swerve;
And your help for the children is wanted to-day
Of the man in the Army Reserve.

MAY HAVE FOUNDERED.

Anxiety for French Steamer Overdue from Odessa—German Vessel's Lucky Escape.

Marseilles, Dec. 31.—Great anxiety is felt here regarding the fate of the French steamer Pierre Le Grand, due at Marseilles from Odessa a week ago. She is supposed to have foundered during the recent gales with her crew of 45.

London, Dec. 31.—The Hamburg and South American line steamer Petolas from Santos for Rotterdam, which went ashore near Dungeness Friday night during a storm, was drawn off about 10 o'clock this morning by tugs. Apparently the vessel has not received serious injury. She proceeded for Rotterdam in tow of two tugs.

PERSONALS.

R. P. McLennan, of McLennan & McFeeley, Vancouver, is at the Driard.

Price Ellison, M.P.P. for West Yale, arrived in the city last evening for the session and is at the Driard.

J. P. Booth, M.P.P. for North Victoria, arrived yesterday for the session.

H. Bornstein came over from Vancouver last evening.

H. G. Wilson, of Wilson Bros., came over from Vancouver last evening to spend New Year's at home.

C. R. King and E. A. Morris returned from the Mainland last evening.

After a Cold Drive a teaspoonful of Pain-Killer mixed with a glass of hot water and sugar will be found a better stimulant than whiskey. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

DIED.

FRASER—In this city, on the 30th December, Alexander Fraser, second son of the late Paul Fraser, of the Hudson's Bay Company's service, Fort McLeod, B.C., aged 62 years.

The funeral will take place to-morrow (TUESDAY) at 2:30 p.m., from his brother's residence, No. 92 Chatham street.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

TO LET OR LEASE.

FOR RENT—Fort St., near Vancouver, bedroom, $5 a month. "J.," P.O. Box 293. d31

TO LET—A comfortably furnished front bed room; grate fire, centrally located; no children; homelike surroundings. Apply Miss L. McConnell, 38 Michigan street. d31

FURNISHED HOUSE—Seven rooms. Apply "M.T.," this office. d30

FOR RENT—Furnished room. Apply 52 Rae street. d27

COMFORTABLE furnished front rooms with use of kitchen, if required. 139 Michigan street. d24

TO LET—Office; ground floor; good situation; reasonable rent. "Rent," Colonist office. d16

TO LET—Furnished rooms, on car line, with or without breakfast. Mrs. Greig, 117 Menzies street. d3

TO LET—Furnished house on South Turner street. For particulars and rent apply to A. W. More & Co., 86 Government street. n21.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Van Anda Copper & Gold Company will be held in the office of the company, room 606 Bailey Building, Seattle, Wash., on Tuesday, January 16, 1900, at 2 o'clock.

A. B. KNOWLTON,
Secretary.

AWAY from the fog and the winds of the coast, on the warm, oak-clad foothills of

Paso Robles

Rheumatism, malarial ills and sciatica are forever banished. Under competent women and men masseurs the Sulphur Plunge, Iron Shower and the

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PROPRIETOR
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NOTICE is hereby given that one month after date application will be made to the Governor-in-Council for approval of the plans and site of a wharf erected on and opposite Lots 503A, 504A and 505A, and of the plans and site of a wharf erected on and opposite Lot 890A, all of the said lots being situate in Victoria City, in the Province of British Columbia. Plans of each of the said wharves and descriptions of each of the said sites have been deposited with the Department of Public Works at Ottawa, and in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 29th day of December, A.D. 1899.

For the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, Limited, and for William T. L. Mouat, A. C. Mouat, Helen G. Jones, Ethel M. Helmcken, and Richard Jones, the owners of Lot 890A.

RICHARD JONES,
Agent.

Notice is hereby given that we shall apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their meeting to be held on the 14th day of March, 1900, for a transfer of the license now held by us to sell spirituous and fermented liquors upon the premises known as the Clarence Hotel, situate on the corner of Yates and Douglas streets, Victoria, from ourselves to Henry Harris.

Dated this twenty-eighth day of December, 1899.

JAS. B. ADAM.
JNO. D. SKINNER.

Bankrupt Stock OF BOOTS and SHOES

Selling Cheap

JEWELL BLOCK, COR. YATES AND DOUGLAS STS.

PROPERTY FOR SALE.

List of Properties by B. C. LAND & INVESTMENT AGENCY.

KINGSTON ST. Two-storey dwelling and lot 60x120, James Bay, for $1900. $390 cash, balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

CHATHAM ST. Cottage and double front lot, $1000. $100 cash and balance on time. This is cheaper than paying rent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

PARRY ST. James Bay. Four two-story dwellings, always let, producing $25 per month. Open to offer. Apply 40 Government St. n11

DALLAS ROAD AND MONTREAL ST. Bungalow and small two-storey house in rear, $2500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

FORT ST. Two-story dwelling lot 60x120, well situated, $2500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

COOK ST. AND KINGS ROAD. Lots $250 to $400, small monthly payments, no interest. Fine chance to procure a home. Apply 40 Government St. n11

M'CLURE STREET. 5-roomed cottage and lot 72x120 for $1600. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

COLLINSON ST. Running through to Beechy st., ½ lot. 5-roomed cottage $900. $200 cash, balance on time. Apply 40 Government St. n11

RITHET ST. Lot 45x130 and 5-roomed bungalow for $1400. $200 cash and balance on time. Apply 40 Government St. n11

FOURTH ST. 2½ acres. Has been under cultivation. Price $2000. $250 down, balance on time, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

WILKINSON RD. 12 acres, dwelling, barns, etc., all under cultivation, $3000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

RICHMOND AND COWAN AVE. One acre under cultivation; fruit, etc. Two-story modern dwelling, $2500. $250 cash and $250 per annum, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

DENMAN ISLAND—160 acres containing evidence of coal. $750; terms, apply 40 Government street. n22

KANE STREET. Lot and three houses, all rented, $3600. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

BROAD AND PANDORA STS. Lot 60x120 open to offer on easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

NIAGARA ST. ½-acre lot and two-story dwelling, $1500. Exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

CADBORO BAY ROAD. 3½ acres, near Exhibition Buildings, $1050. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

ST. LOUIS ST. House and lot open to offer. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

RICHARDSON ST. Full lot and seven-roomed cottage, $2000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

HARRISON ST. Lot and nice cottage, $1750. $250 cash and balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

GOVERNMENT AND JOHN STREETS—Two lots; fine 2-storey dwelling; large new barn; cheap at $2,750; easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. n28

STRAWBERRY VALE. 42½ acres all fenced, 4 miles from city; principal portion under cultivation. Dwelling, barns, etc. $5000. $500 down, balance on time, interest 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

FORT AND VIEW STS. Four lots, either together or single, open to offer on easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

GOVERNMENT ST. Cor. Pembrook St. Two lots open to offer, sale or lease, on easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

HUMBOLDT STREET. One lot, with water front, open to offer, sale or lease. Apply 40 Government St. n11

THE ARM. 1½ acres cleared, water front, fine site for bungalow; electric light, and water pipes running past premises. Whole amount of purchase money may remain on mortgage at 6 per cent. $3000. Apply 40 Government St. n11

SOMENOS DIST. 160 acres. Two miles from Station, $600. Terms, if necessary. Apply 40 Government St. n11

SAHTLAM DIST. 160 acres, near Duncans, 30 acres cleared. Trunk road and never-failing stream runs through property. $1000. Terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

NORTH SAANICH. 350 acres. 70 acres under cultivation. Good soil, near sea. Strong evidence of coal on this land; $8000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT—Near Lagoon half mile from sea. 100 acres for $500. This is extremely cheap. Apply 40 Government street. n11

QUAMICHAN DIST. 220 acres. Three miles from Duncans Station. Good soil. Stream of water on this property. Suitable for milk ranch or fruit farm. Apply 40 Government St. n11

SOOKE. 317 acres; 80 acres under crop, fenced. Fine buildings. $15000. One of the best farms on the Island. Apply 40 Government St. n11

JORDAN MEADOWS. Fine farm, well stocked, for sale or lease. Terms on application at 40 Government St. n11

A WHOLE ISLAND. Off Sidney. 60 acres, two-story building, etc.; coal croppings. $1200. Apply 40 Government St. n11

ROSS BAY. 10 acres cleared, ready for cultivation; sea frontage. Open to offer. Apply 40 Government St. n11

VICTORIA WEST—Russell and Mary Sts.: Two fine building lots at assessed value. Terms if necessary. Apply 40 Government St. d21

ESQUIMALT ROAD. 2½ acres cleared and fenced, corner. $3500. Subdivided into town lots, this should sell well. Apply 40 Government St. n11

GORGE ROAD. Four acres and two-story dwelling with all modern conveniences. Fine view. Very suitable home. $12500. Terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

OUTER WHARF. Three lots, with water frontage. Good location for factory or ship yard. $5500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

JOHNSON STREET. Below Government, three-storey brick with basement, lot 60x120, easy terms. Price $40,000. All let. Apply 40 Government St.

$500. Cash and Nine annual payments of $500 each will buy a fine two-storey house at Montreal Street, with sea frontage. Apply 40 Government St.

COR. MENZIES AND NIAGARA STS. One acre, $3500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

$500. Cash and Five annual installments of $500 will buy a two-storey dwelling and three lots on car line, Victoria West. Apply 40 Government St.

PROPERTY FOR SALE.

$1000. Cash and Twelve annual payments of $500 each, interest at 6 per cent. per annum, will purchase a full lot on principal street with three-storey building, modern conveniences, well adapted for private lodging house. Apply 40 Government St.

$250. Cash and Eight annual payments of $250 each (with interest at 6 per cent.) will buy a dwelling and two lots on Bayn Street. Apply 40 Government St.

LADNERS LANDING—66 acres underdrained and cultivated; two-storey dwelling, barns, orchard, etc.; price $9,000. Finest soil in the province, easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. d5

GOVERNMENT AND BAY STREETS—Store and dwelling; fine site for family grocer. Open to offer; easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. no15

COR. LANGLEY & BROUGHTON STS:—Two lots, $10,000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

JOHNSON STREET—Above Douglas, lot 60x120, three-storey brick and basement 60x100, well located for Factory of any kind, only $10,000. Exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

OAK BAY AVENUE. Just below Rockland Avenue. Four lots, $1,200, your own terms. Apply 40 Government St.

2½ ACRES. Near Jubilee Hospital, all cleared ready for plough, $1,500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

$250 CASH and Five annual installments of $500 (with interest at 6 per cent.) will buy two-storey house, with all modern conveniences, and lot 60x100 near Christ church. Apply 40 Government St.

COR. FORT AND VANCOUVER STS. Cottage and Two lots. $6,000, terms. Apply 40 Government St.

CHATHAM ST. Near Cook Street. Lot 60x120. Cottage, 6 rooms, $1,100. Exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

COR. YATES AND COOK STS. Two-storey dwelling, $3,500. $500 cash and balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St.

OAK BAY. Cottage and eight lots; high ground, facing the sea. Price $2,100; easy terms; monthly payments. Apply 40 Government St. n28

VICTORIA WEST. Find building lots on Russell and Mary streets, at assessed values. Apply 40 Government St. d30

Stores and offices to let in all parts of the city. Farms for sale in all parts of the Province. Call and see our list of properties for sale and to rent. B. C. LAND AND INVESTMENT AGENCY, 40 Government street.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS ONE Cent Per Word Per Insertion. Cash Not Advertisement Inserted for Less Than Twenty-Five Cents.

WANTED.

COMPETENT DRESSMAKER to go out by the day. 70 View street. d31

WANTED—Positions by Japanese as house boys. Apply to Japanese Mission, 27 Broughton street. d31

WANTED—Sewing by experienced hand; tailoring or dressmaking. Apply "X.," this office. d31

NURSE WANTED—For the Union and Comox Hospital, certificated nurse; duties to commence January 25. Address J. B. Bennett, Secretary, Cumberland, B.C. d31

WANTED—Two gentlemen to bach with advertiser who has well furnished, comfortable 8-roomed house, with large garden, lawn, etc. Address "C.," Colonist office. d23

CASH for acceptable ideas; state if patented. Address The Patent Record, Baltimore, Md. d20

WANTED—Immediately, furnished, also unfurnished houses to rent; clients waiting. W. Jones, City Auction Mart, 73 Yates street. d17

WANTED—Positions for two bandsmen of Fifth Regiment C.A. Apply to F. B. Gregory, Lt.-Col.

WANTED—To rent, nicely furnished house; good location. Mrs. Stevens, Colonist. d15

HAVE YOUR BOOTS AND SHOES repaired by C. Nangle, the prize boot and shoemaker, he don't charge credit prices. Repairing Depot, 56 Fort street.

LOST OR FOUND.

LOST—On Saturday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. a lady's gold watch, with blue enamel on the face of the dial, initialled "H. S. P." Ten dollars reward will be paid upon delivery of same to Colonist office. d24.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—A bargain. 5-room cottage, with bathroom, hot and cold water attached. Apply to Wm. Drysdale, 128 North Park street. d29

HORSE—Saddle and driving, 7 years old, has carried lady, sound, good jumper and fast; also ladies' or gents' saddles, nearly new. Humphrey, Balmoral Hotel. d22

FOR SALE—The steamer Alarm, 34 tons burden, fitted with fine compound engines. For particulars apply Wm. Turpel, Central Shipyard. d19

FOR SALE—Leave orders at Burt's Grocery, 119 Fort street, for good dry wood, at city prices. Tel. 178. d16

FOR SALE—A complete assay plant; a bargain. Terms to responsible party. Cuthbert & Co. d16

HOPS! HOGS!—Or dairy prairie land, 244 acres, half mile frontage, on Fraser river, cheap. Also choice building lots on Stanley avenue. Wm. Andean. d12

MOUNT NEWTON PROPERTY for sale or to lease. One place containing cottage and 65 acres of land; other hotel with 95 acres. Apply S. Sandover, North Saanich. d9.

FOR SALE—A fine gasoline launch, 35 ft. long by 6 ft. beam, with 12 h.p. motor; also a 8 h.p. gasoline marine engine; all in good working order. Apply at The Schnake Machine Works, New Westminster, B.C.

FOR SALE—Houses and vacant lots in all parts of the city. We have one of the finest lists of property for sale in town. Call and examine our list before purchasing elsewhere. A. W. More & Co., 86 Government street. n21

FOR SALE—Two or three of the most desirable building lots in city, with a frontage of 112 feet on the Dallas Road. Address A. C. West, Adelphi Building.

FARMS FOR SALE—864, 509 and 355 acres; hotel, dwelling, orchards, excellent water and timber; line V. & S. Railway, 6 miles from city. Terms easy. Apply H. M. Grahame, 41 Government street. n11

LODGES AND SOCIETIES.

SONS OF ENGLAND—Alexandra Lodge, A.O.U.W., hall, 2nd and 4th Thursday. J. G. Taylor, secretary.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ROSSLAND.

Green B. Hitchcock is registered at the city prison with two charges of forgery booked against him. The first charge is based on a cheque which he made and uttered, in which the name of E. B. Kirby is forged. This cheque is for $25, and was passed on George Thoburn, one of the clerks in the Crescent dry goods store. At 7 p. m. on Saturday evening Hitchcock purchased a coat for $8 at the Crescent and tendered the forged cheque in payment therefor. He was given the change in cash. He is also charged with passing a cheque on Mr. H. Cherrington of the Rossland auction house at about 6:30 on Saturday evening. This cheque was for $25 and is purported to have been made by J. D. Krantz. At the auction house he purchased about $6 worth of merchandise and received the remainder of the $25 in cash. Mr. Cherrington becoming suspicious learned from the bank manager that the cheque was a forgery, and the police next morning caught Hitchcock boarding the Red Mountain trail. He turned pale when told that he was in custody, but otherwise he faced the music like a veteran. The police think that he is an old man at the business. Hitchcock came here on December 16 from Butte and registered at the Butte hotel as Samuel Tanfern. He claims to be an engineer by trade, and says he worked at his business in various places in the United States.

A deal has just been consummated by which the Columbia Telephone & Telegraph Company has acquired the lines of the Spokane Falls and British Columbia Telephone Company. The two have been operating their lines jointly, but by this consolidation they will be owned by one company, and can be operated to more advantage. The deal was closed on Saturday. The control of the Spokane and British Columbia company was owned by Mr. C. O'Brien Reddin and Mr. W. I. Reddin, the former of Spokane and the latter of this city. This company owns the line from Spokane to a point on the international boundary line near the Red Mountain railway. It also owns a branch from Marcus to Republic, and from Bossburg to a point on the international boundary line south of Cascade City. The Columbia Telephone & Telegraph Company owns an exchange in this city and a line from here to the boundary line. In addition to this it owns a line which extends from Cascade City to Grand Forks, Greenwood and Midway and from thence to Camp McKinney, with lateral branches running hither and thither.

Mr. John Y. Cole has purchased the surface rights of the White Bear for townsite purposes. He will, within a short time, commence the erection of ten residences on the ground. Mr. Cole has not decided yet whether he will start a rival town to Rossland or whether it will be called the White Bear addition and add it to this municipality. He thinks the development of the western portion of the north belt will cause Rossland to grow in to the west, and is getting ready for the real estate boom which he feels certain will come in that end of the town.

In the Bulldog tunnel through Bulldog mountain, on the line of the Columbia & Western railway, on Friday a well directed round of shots let the daylight in from one head of the tunnel to the other. This does not by any means complete the work. There are 430 feet of benches to be taken out before the tunnel can be used, and it is thought it will be at least 60 days before trains can pass through. The tunnel is about 3,000 feet in length, and when it is used it will do away with the need of using the switchback over which the trains now travel. Work was started on the tunnel in November, 1898. Mr. Richard Williams of the Jenckes Machine Company, Mr. John Stewart, J. G. Sullivan, superintendent of construction of the C. & W., and Chief Engineer Tye of the same road, came through the tunnel yesterday afternoon. They were on the regular passenger train; and had to wait nearly half an hour for the train, which had to go over the switches, a distance of between six and seven miles.

Sergeant-Major Elliott, late of the Royal Horse Artillery, which is one of the finest corps in the British service, is in the city. He served in the Afghan war in 1878-9-80 with Lord Roberts. He holds a medal of four clasps and a star for participation in the great march with Lord Roberts from Kabul to Kandahar, for the relief of the latter place. He sent his papers to Dr. Borden, minister of militia at Ottawa, from Spokane, and leaves to-night for Calgary to report. He intends to proceed right to the front with the Canadian contingent, to join his old commander Lord Roberts. He has every confidence in the ability of Lord Roberts to win in the present campaign, as he is in every way suited to the style of warfare which the Boers have adopted. Sergeant-Major Elliott served in India for 16 years under different generals. In 1883, he, while stationed at Rawul Pindi, in India, purchased his discharge, and has been out of the service ever since. From India he went to Australia, and from there to the Fiji Islands, where he remained for five years, and from thence he came here. It will be remembered that he had a sword contest with Sergeant Esmond, formerly of the 10th Hussars, in this city. Sergeant-Major Elliott served in the Horse Artillery and is therefore adapted to serve in either the cavalry or artillery.—Miner, Dec. 26.

NELSON.

The officials of the tramway line have decided to operate the road between the C. P. R. and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard depots at once, and a start will be made to-day. A time card will be arranged and announced later. The line south of Baker street will not be used pending the introduction of appliances which will render a repetition of Saturday's accident impossible. Peters, the injured motorman, is progressing nicely. No collapse followed the shock of the accident, and the physicians state that he will recover rapidly.

D. R. Eaton, who has been interested in various mining properties about Nelson during the past two years, has been accepted for the second Canadian contingent for service in South Africa. Mr. Eaton was formerly a lieutenant in the Ninety-Third Cumberland Infantry. His brother has also secured a position on the contingent.

"Tom" Brown left last night for Calgary, where he also is to report for duty with the second Canadian contingent. Mr. Brown's popularity was attested by the send-off accorded him by a score of his friends. Earlier in the evening a deputation waited upon Mr. Brown and presented him with $75 in gold, coupled with the best wishes of the citizens of Nelson.

A committee of Conservatives met yesterday to complete the details of the reception to be tendered Sir Charles Tupper on his arrival in the city to-day. The mass meeting takes place at 8 o'clock in the evening at the opera house. Arrangements have been made to enable ladies to attend the meeting, the first two rows in the balcony being reserved for their use. W. A. Macdonald will preside, and the opening speech is to be made by Charles Wilson, Q. C. Following this an address will be presented to Sir Charles Tupper, who will then address the meeting. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper accompanies his father, but will take no active part in the proceedings. The party will leave at 11 o'clock, after the meeting, for Fernie, where Sir Charles Tupper is announced to speak. Meetings will subsequently be held at Macleod and Lethbridge.

F. McLeod, the Baker street barber, appeared before Police Magistrate Crease yesterday on a charge of violating the Sunday Closing by-law. He was assessed $20 and costs. The information was laid by W. S. Belleville.

At the last annual convention of the Kootenay Teachers' Association it was resolved that the meeting for 1900 should be held in Rossland early in January. Owing to unavoidable circumstances the committee find it impossible to arrange this meeting and have, with the consent of the education department, postponed it until April, when it is intended to hold it in Rossland at the same time as the Provincial Teachers' Association is in session in Victoria.

A meeting of the Presbytery of Kootenay took place yesterday, Rev. R. Frew presiding as moderator. The Presbytery sustained a call from the Fernie church to Rev. J. Gordon, and that clergyman will be inducted in his new charge toward the end of January. Rev. Mr. Gordon is a recent graduate of Queen's University, Kingston.

Ernest Mansfield completed a deal yesterday which, so far as cash outlay is concerned, is one of the biggest ever made in Nelson. For the last week he has been negotiating for the purchase of 38,000 shares of the Excelsior Gold Mines of British Columbia, Limited, a London company at present operating the Joker and Derby groups at Camp Mansfield. These shares were part of the purchase price on the bond taken on the properties in August last. The original owners of the claims were G. W. Taylor, A. G. Lambert and Robert McGregor. The last named received $3,500 on December 20, with a further payment of $15,000 due on February 1, for the purchase of 10,500 shares, his interest in the group. Taylor and Lambert yesterday received $8,000 and are to receive $44,000 on February 1 as payment for 27,000 shares. The original owners made presents of 400 shares and 100 shares to parties in Nelson, who to-day received $1,000 and $250 respectively for their holdings. The acquiring of this large block of shares will give Rene Laudi and his friends control of the Excelsior company. Mr. Mansfield is also a large shareholder. He leaves Nelson about January 15 for New Zealand, to acquire four miles of dredging ground for his London and French friends. The Joker and Derby were Taylor and Lambert's first venture in British Columbia. They have made money.—Tribune, Dec. 29.

NEW DENVER.

New Denver, Dec. 27—It is announced that a meeting of the Conservatives of this vicinity will be held here next Wednesday night. The main object of the assemblage is for the endorsation of the leadership of the party in British Columbia by Charles Wilson, of Vancouver. Request for the meeting came from Nelson.

The meeting of the mine owners called for to-day at Sandon has been postponed till Friday.

Things are in good shape at the California, the men reporting ore in sight in all the main workings. The long crosscut tunnel has been driven 100 feet, with 155 feet still to be run to catch the vein.

A contract has been entered into by the Arlington for the rawhiding to the lake of 150 tons of ore for shipment. A full force of men is being steadily employed.

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AUSTRALIAN INSECT WORLD.

Professor Darwin once described Australia as the naturalist's paradise, and certainly it presents an ever fresh and inexhaustible field for the study of the various branches of natural history. It is at once the newest and oldest country in the world, abounding with forms of animal life not to be found elsewhere. The insect fauna is extremely large. The characteristics of the numerous beetles, flies, wasps, butterflies, moths, and other kinds of insects are so marked that European and American experts at once recognize a specimen from Australia. Insects with a world-wide range are comparatively rare in New South Wales and other portions of Australia, though there are a couple of European moths, Delopela pulchella and Danels erippus, which are common everywhere. The distribution of insects is affected by that of plants. In the semi-tropical parts of New South Wales there is a semi-tropical insect fauna, but where the semi-tropical vegetation has become extended beyond semi-tropical geographical limits, there are found also the semi-tropical insects. In several places insects found associated with some particular kind of plant in one locality will be met with upon some kindred form of vegetation in another. Thus the peculiar beetles living on the leaves of the Queensland bottle tree, are found feeding on the currajong at Wagga Wagga, in New South Wales. The Australian insect fauna is estimated at 10,000 species, but it is believed that the actual number is considerably greater. Of these the greatest variety is to be found in New South Wales, the scientific collections formed in Sydney and elsewhere being of singular attractiveness and interest. In the vicinity of streams may be found large and beautiful dragon-flies, often of considerable size; while everywhere, during the warmer months of the year, the ceaseless hum of the cigale reminds the traveller of a similar insect experienced in Italy. Native honey bees are plentiful in many places, and are easily recognizable by their small size, being little larger than the common house fly. Mosquitoes are practically unknown in the dry interior, but their place is taken by the sandfly, an equally mischievous insect. There are spiders of all sizes, a few being poisonous, but their webs are generally of a most fanciful character. The splendid appearance of some of the butterflies rivals that of the most gorgeous insects found in South American forests. A large butterfly known as the Ornithoptera Richmondiana, has wings magnificently marked with gold, green and velvet black. Most of these lovely insects are found in the damp moist rivers of the New South Wales coast. Much attention has been given to the character of the colonial insect found by the Linnean Society of New South Wales, and the Macleay collection, now in the Sydney university, is one of the finest and most complete in existence. For those who wish to become acquainted with the insect fauna of the colony there exist abundant facilities for reaching the most favored localities, and a couple of months will suffice to form a collection which would constitute a valuable addition to any European or American museum.

Between the ages of fifteen and forty-five, the time when womanhood begins and motherhood ends, it is estimated that the aggregate term of woman's suffering is ten years out of thirty! One-third of the best part of a woman's life sacrificed! Think of the enormous loss of time! But time is not all that is lost. Those years of suffering steal the bloom from the cheeks, the brightness from the eyes, the fairness from the form. They write their record in many a crease and wrinkle. What a boon then to woman, is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It promotes perfect regularity, dries up debilitating drains, heals ulceration, cures female weakness, and establishes the delicate womanly organs in vigorous and permanent health. No other medicine can do for woman what is done by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

AT THE THEATRES.

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The greatest military production the stage has seen in recent years is that of "Shenandoah," which will be presented at the Victoria theatre on Thursday evening. "Shenandoah" is under the management of Jacob Litt, and this manager has spared neither pains nor expense to make it as perfect a production as possible. The story of Bronson Howard's great war play is more or less familiar to the patrons of the theatre, for it has been in active service for a number of years. The scenes which the play depicts are some of the most stirring in American history, for they tell the story of the great conflicts of '65 and '61, beginning with the bombardment of Fort Sumter, and ending with the return of the troops. The battle of Cedar Creek, with Sheridan at Winchester, twenty miles away, is re-fought upon the stage, with all the accessories, the carnage and the grim horrors attendant upon the battle itself. Cavalry in squadrons, infantry in companies, and batteries of artillery go to make up such an ensemble as is seldom seen behind the footlights. Over 100 people are made use of, and the scene is more than thrilling in its reality. The production is an especially magnificent one, and the company is in keeping with the production.

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Dated at Vancouver, B.C., 21st December 1899.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

1899.

The year which has just closed is likely to be memorable. The historian will probably recognize as its chief characteristic the rapprochement of the two branches of the Anglo-Saxon race and their great activity in the cause of civilization and freedom. It seems a remarkable thing that the two English-speaking nations, who are the originators of international arbitration, and who have always expressly disclaimed anything like military aggressiveness, should signalize the year of the Peace Conference by carrying on great military operations, which will result in the acquisition of new territory. While the so-called great military powers have been in a state of profound peace, the supposedly peace-loving countries have had larger armies in the field than ever before in their history, as far as foreign war is concerned.

One of the epoch-making events of the year was the completion by Great Britain of one of her self-imposed tasks, namely, the opening of the Soudan to civilization and the extinction of slavery in a region where it has existed for uncounted centuries in its worst form. That the finishing stroke was given by the Egyptian soldiery in no way detracts from, but on the contrary enhances the importance of the work accomplished. It speaks volumes for the influence of our nation that the death blow to slavery in the Soudan was struck by a people, who only a little while ago were themselves little else than slaves until emancipated by British policy. That great civilizer, the railway, now runs to Khartoum, a town only a few years ago associated in the mind of all with the worst tyranny and oppression. A vast region has been opened to the enterprise of the whole world, and what is infinitely better an awful record of crime, cruelty and suffering, which extends back indefinitely into the past, has been brought to a close, and human life and human liberty have become sacred in the heart of the Dark Continent. While achievements like this may be set down to the credit of our country, we may feel confident that it is not yet time to write Ichabod on our walls, for our glory has certainly not departed.

The march of events brought about in South Africa a climax, which every careful observer could see was approaching. It is idle to lay the blame for the war, as some do, on the shoulders of Mr. Chamberlain. He and the nation with him were borne along by an irresistible current of events. As Julia Ward Howe wrote during the dark days of the War of Secession, so we may say to-day with all sincerity, "Our God is marching on." Britain always buys freedom for others with the best blood of her own sons. This is the God-given mission of our race and we dare not shirk it.

The past year looks like one of preparation. Why else this springing to arms of the sons of Britain in all quarters of the globe? The numerical contribution of the colonies to the forces in South Africa is not important. The few extra thousands could easily have been secured in London itself. In this again the wonderful nature of British institutions has been made apparent, for the Empire, the very nature of whose tie is undefinable, is seen to be knit together in a bond of loyalty and affection so closely as to be one in all essentials.

These three things are the most important features of the year's history as far as the British Empire is concerned, but if it were not for them and the fact that by their supreme nature they obscure everything else, it would be easy to recall many other matters of moment, such as the settlement of our boundary trouble with Venezuela, the Samoan arrangement and the acquisition of new territory in Western Africa. The Empire has been growing steadily during the year.

The United States has during the last twelvemonth fairly entered upon a new epoch in its history, a fact of itself sufficient to mark the year as conspicuous in history. It is true that the cause of this new departure, namely, the war with Spain, transpired in 1898, but it was not until 1899 that the nation was fully committed to the policy of expansion. This was shown by the result of the election in November. The operations in the Philippines have not been carried on with any great degree of skill, and have not been specially successful, but they have established that only one conclusion is possible and that is that the United States will become a great Asiatic power. It is somewhat singular that on the last day of the year the newspapers were able to announce that full success had attended the first step of the Republic in its new field and that the "open door" in China had been assented to by substantially all the powers interested at the request of the Washington government.

France has occupied a conspicuous place in public attention during the year, but not one that is very creditable. The Dreyfus trial and the incidents surrounding it, the confusion in political circles and the apparent total loss of respect on the part of the people for the law and the courts of justice are indicative of deep-seated decay. The insanely jealous hatred of our own country, shown during the last two months, is another indication that the decadent process is increasing in strength. If we may judge of the future of France by the events of 1899, it will be one of almost hopeless despair.

Germany has a very satisfactory record for the year. The Kaiser has demonstrated that he knows his people better than any one else, and has exhibited almost a genius for government. He has taken steps during 1899 which will do much toward rendering possible a German empire beyond the sea, a consummation that seems necessary for the full development of Teutonic character. The restoration of kindly feelings between the German government and our own is not the least interesting and valuable incident to be set down to the credit of the year.

Russia has been somewhat passive during 1899. Several causes have contributed to this. One of them is the necessity of concentrating her efforts upon the great railway to the Pacific, another is the demands of the famine-stricken provinces for aid, and a third, and possibly the most influential, is the well known pacific desires of the Czar, who by calling the Peace Conference of the powers has marked 1899 conspicuously even in this very busy century.

Italy has been resting, and no country needed a rest more, for the burdens of militarism had almost crushed her people. Spain has exhibited unexpected good sense in her acceptance of the inevitable, and her friends, of whom she has many among the nations, are glad to believe that affliction has chastened her and that she may once more rise to something like her former greatness. In Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, the Danubian principalities and Turkey the year has not been specially eventful, and the same may be said of Asiatic countries generally, although perhaps if we could lift the veil surrounding the relations of Japan and China, we might find concealed the germ of an important movement in the Orient. If it is true, as alleged, that Marquis Ito, the creator of the New Japan, has the key to the control of China, the world may expect startling developments as the result of a Chino-Japanese entente formed during 1899.

South America has not been wholly free from internal disturbance during the year, but perhaps it reached only a minimum of acuteness. One somewhat singular and little noticed incident was reported from the interior of Brazil during the early autumn. It was that an adventurer had set up an independent nation in the vast region adjoining Bolivia and the Argentine Republic. The year witnessed the disappearance of the causes of friction which seemed likely to lead to hostilities between Chile and Argentina. Central America has been abnormally quiet. Mexico has had serious trouble with some of her Indian tribes, but on the whole has had a progressive and prosperous year.

Turning aside from political events, we may note a few of another nature which render the year notable. One of these is the consummation of an agreement whereby German capital is to build a railway from the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf. This, by the way, is not wholly lacking in political significance, for it is informally understood that this project has the hearty support of the British government, and if so it means that Germany is about to become an Asiatic power, whose influence will be exerted to hold Russia in check in the design attributed to her of seeking an outlet on the Indian Ocean. It would not be possible at present to discover any political significance in the interesting fact that during 1899 Arctic exploration has for the first time been begun in a systematic way. What it will demonstrate is something which must be left to the next century to disclose.

Among inventions, the practical application of wireless telegraphy and the turbine system of employing steam in propelling vessels will be readily recalled as chief among those of the year and apparently most likely to produce results of great social and industrial importance.

The year has been an exceptionally prosperous one for the business world generally, although it closes with signs of a possible financial stringency. On the whole, conditions everywhere promise that the immediate future is likely to be marked by good times. Undoubtedly the openings for enterprise and energy are rapidly multiplying. Probably no single line of business has had a more successful year than shipping, and even a better outlook seems to be before it. To all appearances the seed has been sown in 1899 which will yield a great harvest to business of all kinds in 1900.

Marked evidence of the new life springing up elsewhere so generally has not been lacking in Canada. We have had a good year in a business sense and a very good year in the development of those things which make up nationality. Greater progress has been made in this respect in 1899 than in a long time previously. Perhaps among the domestic matters connected with the year none is likely to have a greater effect upon the material interests of Canada than the declaration from authoritative sources that a new transcontinental railway is to be undertaken. The completion of the agreement for the Pacific Cable is not the least interesting feature of the year, although we would all like to see it put into working shape a little more rapidly. Last year saw Canada occupy more of the attention of home-seekers from abroad than any other period in her history, and may, we think, be said to be notable as the beginning of a new era of colonization. Our foreign trade has grown greatly, and with it there has been an expanding revenue. Both revenue and expenditure reached a higher mark in the Dominion in 1899 than ever before in its history, but we may naturally expect steady increases in these lines for years to come.

In British Columbia there has been much cause for gratification, although it is not untinged with disappointment. The legislative interferences with that freedom of individuals, which is so closely identified with British progress, undoubtedly prevented a great deal of development which would otherwise have taken place, but there has been great progress nevertheless. The year saw the opening of two important railways within the province, one from Robson to Midway and the other the White Pass & Yukon road. Both of these will have a profound effect upon our provincial business interests. Atlin has been demonstrated to be a region of great unexploited wealth, and new evidence has been given that in Omineca the province has a source of great prosperity. The explorations conducted during the year have demonstrated anew the vast possibilities of Kootenay, and, what is more intimately associated with the future of Victoria, have shown that Vancouver Island is certain to become a great producer of mineral. To 1899 must be accredited the first smelter on the Coast and the first shipping mine on the Island.

So far as Victoria is concerned, there has been little to complain of in 1899, and much cause for satisfaction. The past year is the first in which the trade of the northern gold fields had settled down to its normal channels, and as soon as it had done so our city asserted its commercial supremacy in a manner that admits of no misconception. We had more than the lion's share of it. Of the 80 per cent. of the northern business done by Canada this city has done 65 per cent., a proportionate share that ought to satisfy the most ambitious, and one that it should be the aim of our merchants to maintain. We have also seen at near-by points evidences of growing prosperity, which are full of future promise. In 1899 the business and general progress of the West Coast received a new and highly gratifying impetus. Within the city there has been much improvement. More substantial advance has been made in the erection of business blocks than in many years, and the number of new residences erected is large and their character better than the average of recent years. We have seen our waterworks completed during the year, the first attempt at permanent street paving, and a very excellent lot of work done in the way of permanent sidewalks. A civic event of special instance was the refunding of a portion of the city debt at lower interest and on exceptionally favorable terms. One must be very unreasonable who does not recognize that the past year has been very friendly to Victoria. We have had no catastrophe of any kind, no serious fires, nothing to disturb the ordinary good healthy condition of the city, no business failures worth mentioning, no great amount of crime. We may have better years in the future, and all will join in the hope for them, but the great majority of Victorians may very well feel content if in the future no twelvemonth is less full of cause for thankfulness than the year which has just closed.

We present to-day our usual collection of statistics for the year. They are full of encouragement. They indicate that our city and province are on the upgrade, and that, if unwise legislation does not interfere to prevent, the years to come have much in store for us that will tend to our happiness and prosperity.

We do not forget that there must be many to whom the year 1899 has had more than its share of trouble, sorrow and disappointment, and in wishing those, to whom we have from day to day spoken in these columns, A Happy New Year, we have specially in mind such as do not see very clearly the path which they must tread. May 1900 bring them good cheer.

THE WAR.

Probably it is correct to say that with the year the second chapter of the South African war has closed. The first began with the invasion of our territory by the Boers and their advance in several directions simultaneously. While it was marked by a number of very gallant achievements by our troops, yet we were unable to hold the enemy back, but on the contrary he entrenched himself very strongly in our territory, and by threatening Ladysmith and Kimberley completly influenced our plan of campaign. It was a chapter which deals chiefly with Boer preparations for resistance.

Chapter II began with the arrival of reinforcements at the Cape and the despatch of four columns for the purpose of expelling the enemy from our territory. The effort was only partially successful, for the positions, which he occupied have so far proved too strong to be carried by direct assault. Nevertheless the enemy has been driven back at all points, and his dream of conquest, aided by a Dutch uprising in Cape Colony has been effectually dispelled. This is the lesson of the second chapter.

The third opens with more reinforcements on the way and with the evident determination of our generals to make assurance doubly sure before attempting to dislodge the enemy from his chosen positions. It will probably be marked by the employment of new tactics, whereby the enemy will be forced to meet our men upon something like equal terms. It will doubtless witness an invasion of Boer territory by our forces, thereby compelling the enemy to retire from Natal and the neighborhood of Kimberley.

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MR. TURNER'S VIEWS.

Mr. J. H. Turner, in a letter to Mr. R. E. Gosnell, of the Greenwood Miner, expressed the following views, which Mr. Gosnell took occasion to publish:

The fact of it is, British Columbia should be run with less politics, instead of more. It should go as a business institution. What is wanted is a policy to open it up by railroads, roads and trails; to educate within proper limits; to develop agriculture, horticulture and mining; to protect labor and capital; to have a proper hospital system—to do all that is possible on these lines, but at the same time to keep taxation as low as consistent with good work; and, above all, to keep up the credit of the province. Without this being good, the others are impossible.

We are sure that no one will deny that in these views Mr. Turner sounds the truest note in our provincial politics. It is a note of progress. At the same time it is fully in keeping with his policy when holding the responsible position of premier. Mr. Turner's plans had only one fault. They were a little too advanced for the majority of the people, and this was doubtless in a measure due to the fact that he has long been a resident in the province, and has by his business and personal connections gained an intimate knowledge of the possibilities of the province, and having seen how it has prospered under adverse conditions, is inspired by the confidence necessary to pledge the province to great projects on the faith of the future.

AUSTRALIAN EXPERIMENTAL FARMS.

The importance attached by the various Australian governments to the encouragement of agriculture, especially by the diffusion of practical knowledge, is shown in the fact that in most of the colonies a department of agriculture has been established, the official head of which is a member of the colonial ministry. In New South Wales the necessity for providing the means of technical agricultural education, and establishing a college and model farms in various parts of the colony, became fully recognized, and a site suitable for a central establishment was selected at Ham Common, near the town of Richmond, in the Hawkesbury district, about 39 miles from Sydney, where an area of about 4,000 acres was resumed for the purpose. The buildings and furnishings of the college and farm, now in the seventh year of existence, were completed in January, 1896, and officially opened on the 14th April of the same year. Accommodation is provided for ninety-six resident students, and during 1898 there was a full roll. Theoretical as well as practical instruction is imparted by experts in every branch of agriculture, and experimental work is carried on with cereal and other crops, fertilizers are tested, analyses of soils are made, and the arts of dishorning and speying cattle, with other veterinary surgical practices, are taught. The live stock attached to the farm and college comprises 46 horses, 57 bullocks, 151 head of dairy cattle, 140 pigs, and 130 sheep. The operations include the cultivation of wheat for grain and hay, maize for grain and silage, barley for grain and fodder, oats for grain and hay; lucerne, Hungarian millet, rape, grapes for fruit and wine, oranges, various kinds of fruit, potatoes, turnips, mangold-wurtzel, tobacco, potatoes, beans, and peas, pumpkins, melons, different kinds of vegetables, etc. There is an orchard, 30 acres in extent, and a vineyard, 10 acres in extent, and the cultivation of plants for the expression of scent has also been begun. Besides the practice of general dairy-farming work, instruction is imparted in cheese making, also in the management and breeding of poultry, in the rearing of bees and the preparation of honey for the market, in the killing and dressing of sheep, in the carpenter's and the blacksmith's arts, in the construction of fences, and in various mechanical trades. There are also experimental farms at Bomen, 394 miles from Sydney, in the Murrumbidgee district; and at Wollongbar, 366 miles from Sydney, in the Richmond River district. The former is near the town of Wagga Wagga, and embraces an area of 2,460 acres, of which 1,200 acres are in cultivation, 1,000 acres being devoted to growing cereals, of which 500 acres are for seed wheat, the remainder being utilized for oaten hay and malting barley; 85 acres to fruit trees and grape vines; and 80 acres to forage plants, such as maize, sorghum, millet, barley, rye, oats, cow peas, roots, grasses, etc.; while 8 acres are under olive trees; the remaining portion being taken up by irrigation plots, nursery, and experimental plots. Quarters have been provided for twenty-five students, and there are also cottages for the manager and workmen; likewise barns, a hay shed, and stables. There is no natural watter supply, but dams of 6,000, 10,000 and 40,000 yards capacity have been excavated, and are used for supplying water to the irrigation plots. Some thousands of farmers have visited the farm since its establishment. Preparations are being made for dairying and pig-raising on a large scale, and also for carrying out feeding trials with cattle, sheep, etc. At the Wollongbar farm experiments have been made with sugar canes obtained from New Guinea, sugar cultivation being a staple industry on the Clarence, Richmond and other northern rivers. Experiments with grasses for the grazing of dairy cattle have been carried on, and steps taken to assist the dairying industry, which is greatly on the increase in the northern parts of the colony. Other trials are being made with citrus fruits, pineapples, bananas, and various other tropical and semi-tropical fruits. The total area of the farm is 263 acres, of which 28 acres consist of orchard crops and experimental plots, and 30 acres of different varieties of sown grasses; while 133 acres are cleared or partially cleared, and 72 acres are standing scrub. The experimental farm at Bathurst, 145 miles from Sydney, is largely devoted to the cross-breeding of sheep, irrigation, fruit-growing, cereal culture and general mixed farming. The area of the farm is 596 acres, to which leased areas of 176 acres have been added. The area under cultivation is 370 acres, the crops including wheat, oats, rye, barley, millet (mangold-wurtzel, etc.), pumpkins, potatoes, onions, tomatoes, hay, green fodder, cow-pea, miscellaneous experimental crops, irrigation crops (lucerne, vegetables, etc.), and fruits. There are 1,000 sheep and lambs on the farm; and nine students have been enrolled. Another farm is situate at Coolabah, in the dry country, about 424 miles from Sydney, where there are about 200 acres in cultivation, trials being systematically made with various kinds of wheat, maize, sorghum, cow-peas, grasses, fodders, and so on. There is also a travelling instructor, whose duty it is to visit the rural districts and give personal advice and practical demonstration in all matters connected with agriculture. Under the direction of the government pathologist, investigations are carried out at the laboratories at the Sydney, Bathurst and Wagga Wagga farms. At a laboratory at Pymble, a few miles from Sydney, the diseases of citrus plants have formed the subject of special inquiry. Operations at Bathurst are not confined directed to agriculture, but are confined more to the diseases of stock; but at Wagga Wagga the work of the laboratory is mainly in connection with wheat and other farm crops. 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Season Closes.—The open season for grouse and pheasant shooting closed yesterday, and local sportsmen were out in full strength at the hunting grounds along the E. & N. and V. & S. railways. Some very good bags were secured.

Found Dead.—Jane Irving, a notorious character, was found dead yesterday in one of Sing Kee's cabins on Chatham street. An inquest will be held this morning, although there is little doubt but that death resulted from natural causes. The body was in a fearful state.

Better Late Than Never.—They should have been here for Christmas, but only arrived yesterday. Fancy handkerchiefs with lace edges, drawn work and hand embroidered — on view to-day at the White House—marked low on account of late arrival. *

Serious Charge.—Two boys complained to the police yesterday that they had been assaulted by a man in Beacon Hill park, and marks on their bodies bore out their statements. Should the culprit be caught a very serious charge may be laid against him.

Annual Ball.—One of the pleasantest New Year entertainments is that provided by the Sons and Daughters of St. George. To-night they give their seventh annual ball. The music will be supplied by the Davis-Shelby orchestra, and the supper is being arranged with the same exquisite taste and care that the Daughters of St. George are famed for. The grand march is timed for 9 o'clock, and it is safe to say that there will be no merrier assembly than that in the A. O. U. W. hall to-night.

Friendly Help.—The Friendly Help Association will hold their weekly meeting on Tuesday at 11 o'clock in the market hall.

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The Toyo Maru Sails.—The steamer Toyo Maru sailed yesterday afternoon from Steveston with a special cargo of salmon for Japan. She has 1,500 tons of salted salmon, besides smaller shipments sent by Jin & Tamura, the Vancouver merchants, as well as 140,000 feet of lumber consigned by Robert Ward & Co., and 75,000 more feet of lumber, all flooring, consigned by Dodwell & Co. The salmon cargo is the largest of the salted product that has ever been sent from British Columbia to the other side of the Pacific.

Pioneer Prospector Dead.—The death occurred in this city on Saturday of Alexander Fraser, an old miner and prospector who searched for the yellow metal in Cariboo, Cassiar, Peace River and Klondike. He returned from Dawson about two months ago, his constitution, which had withstood the hardships and trials of the British Columbia mining camps, having given way under those experienced in the Yukon valley. The deceased was the second son of the late Paul Fraser, of the Hudson Bay service, Fort McCloud, B. C., and was 62 years of age. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2:30 from the residence of his brother, P. Fraser, 92 Chatham street.

Want an Excursion.—The recent successful excursion of British Columbia wholesale men has served to arouse Winnipeg merchants to pay more attention to the West, and they are now agitating for a similar excursion to be held at an early date. It having been brought to the notice of the board of trade of that city that the C. P. R. Co. recently invited the merchants of Vancouver and Victoria to an excursion to the Boundary Creek country, to enable them to extend their trade in that district, the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Whyte, manager of the C. P. R., drawing his attention to the fact that the Winnipeg wholesale men have always in the past worked hard to extend their trade in the same district, and the board would like to learn if the same privileges of visiting the Boundary Creek district will be extended to the trade in Winnipeg.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Statistics as to the Number of Books Issued and the Membership Roll.

In the year 1899 there were issued from the city library 23,945 books; to ladies 12,318 and to gentlemen 11,627. The highest number issued in one day was 150 and the average number 79. The number of new members to join the library was 345; ladies 156 and gentlemen 189. The total number of members now on the register is 6,112. The total number of books in the catalogue is 9,637, and reports, etc., 93.

The number of books issued in December was 2,100; to ladies 1,032, and to gentlemen 1,068. The highest number issued in one day was 148 and the average number was 83. The number of members joining was 37; ladies 16 and gentlemen 21. The books added to the library were "Grammar of Palmestry," "Beulah," "Gulliver's Travels," "Clarissa Harlone," "Almost a Duchess," and "New Arabian Nights."

CLINTON.

Clinton, Dec. 27.—The semi-annual examination of the public school took place on Friday, 22nd inst. The pupils of the senior classes were examined orally in addition to written examinations on arithmetic, grammar, British and Canadian history and book-keeping and geography, and the juniors were examined in reading, spelling and arithmetic. The number of pupils enrolled is 42 and the average attendance is about 30. The Rev. W. Hardie, M.A., Presbyterian minister, gave a short address on morals, or the minor moralities of social life, the theme being "Manners Marketh the Man." The rising generation, he said, had not sufficient respect for their seniors or their betters. After the teacher, Mr. S. Moore, B.A., wished the pupils the compliments of the season the session of 1899 came to a close.

On the 27th inst. a successful Christmas tree was held in the town hall. There was good attendance of parents and citizens of the town and parts adjacent, and 64 children received useful and valuable presents from Santa Claus.

Previous to the distribution of the gifts an interesting and instructive programme, consisting of songs, readings, and dialogues was rendered by the pupils. "The Maple Leaf Forever," "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," "Holiday," and "Good Night, Ladies," were sung by the boys and girls in an acceptable manner.

Mr. Anderson performed the role of Santa Claus in a manner to bring cheer to the hearts of the children. The committee of management consisted of Miss E. Chenall, Mrs. Jas Uren, Mrs. W. J. Kelly, the Rev. Mr. Hardie and Mr. Moore. They arranged the programme and collected the necessary funds, $57.82 for suitable Christmas gifts, such as books, skates and fancy articles, etc. Children and parents were pleased with the entertainment, which came to a close with the singing of "God Save the Queen."

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Danube In From Skagway.

A Number of Passengers Make Quick Trip From Dawson City.

Extraordinarily Mild Weather Delays Operations on the Mines.

After a pleasant trip from Skagway, the C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Danube reached port yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock with a small freight list and 13 passengers, a number of the latter being from Dawson, having left the Klondike capital just twenty days ago.

Lake Bennett is wide open, and this delays the in-going rush from Skagway, quite a few being at the latter point, bound for Nome. The ice on the upper waters is, however, in prime condition for travel, and good time was made coming out. The Dawson party experienced a heavy snow storm at Lebarge, but otherwise the trip was without incident.

Among the passengers were A. T. Solly and George Brown, members of the N. W. M. P., who are returning to Winnipeg, their time having expired. They are quartered at the Occidental.

Capt. Chris. Morgan is one among three Dawsonites who also registered at the Occidental. Capt. Morgan brings an interesting budget of news from the North, the most important item of which is that extraordinarily mild weather is prevailing in the Klondike district. So unusual is the weather that ordinary winter mining operations are virtually suspended. Capt. Morgan says the steam thawers are generally proving a success, it being possible to do with their use in an hour the work occupying twenty-four hours under the old method.

There was a slight fire in Dawson on the night of the 8th, in the business section of the city, which caused a slight scare, but the fire department now being most efficient, it was speedily extinguished, little or no damage being done.

Contrary to general expectations, there is no scarcity of labor, the supply being amply adequate to the demand. Wages are $5 per day and board, and the miners seem satisfied with that arrangement.

Capt. Morgan estimates that at least 4,000 men have started from Dawson for Nome, intending to go down the river by easy stages. The big companies at Circle City are making efforts to keep the trail in good condition, but few of the stampeders expect to make Nome this winter. Capt. Morgan intends arranging to-day with local butchers for a supply of fresh beef, the scarcity of that article having caused a general raise in the price of ham and bacon, and making its importation a good investment.

The steamer Queen City is hourly expected from West Coast points. She went as far north as Cape Scott on this trip, which accounts for the length of the passage.

C. P. R. STEAMERS SOLD.

Three Stern-Wheelers Purchased for the Upper Yukon Route.

The stern-wheel steamers Dawson, McConnell and Ogilvie, built by the C. P. R. during the rush to Klondike, and which the company operated for part of a season on the Stikine river, have been purchased by a syndicate in which Victorians are interested, and will be taken around to the Yukon river, to be run between Dawson and the terminus of the White Pass & Yukon railway, which next season will be below White Horse rapids. While confirming the sale, a gentleman interested declined to give the details, stating that these had not yet been settled upon.

The Dawson has been lying in False Creek, Vancouver, since the failure of the Stikine river route, and the McConnell and Ogilvie are at Wrangel.

THE CITY BRIDGES.

To the Editor of the Colonist:

Sir: I notice in yesterday's paper that the medical health officer and the sanitary officer made certain recommendations to the board of health with a view to improving the sanitary condition of the Indian reserve, etc. The general public will now look for a recommendation from the city engineer reminding the city council that there is on file in the possession of the city clerk a report from Mr. E. A. Wilmot, C. E., which shows that James Bay and Rock Bay bridges have been used for more than a year longer than he then considered safe, and that he has a copy of a letter written by himself to the present city council, in which he mentioned that the timbers of the two before-named bridges constantly needed replacing, and that the bolts in the truss of Point Ellice bridge had often to be "adjusted." He might further ask what steps the council have taken in the matter of providing new bridges for the safe conveyance of tramway and vehicular traffic.

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The New Year Welcomed.

Cordial Greetings to 1900 By the Victoria Populace Last Evening.

Well Attended Watchnight Meetings in Many of the City Churches.

With the booming of guns, tooting of steam whistles, ringing of bells, blowing of horns and the perfect bedlam created by the shouting of men and boys, and such other rest-disturbing noises as could be devised and put into execution, Victoria last evening bade good-bye to old eighteen eighty-nine and welcomed the new-comer, nineteen hundred. The streets were more than usually crowded until long after midnight. Perhaps it was the significance attaching to the passing of the year, which enthused the people; or it may have been a realization of the tremendous possibilities the new year holds for the British Empire now "on guard" against designing foes which drew from the "man on the street" an expression of appreciation of the advent of the new year—certainly last night's demonstration eclipsed in vigor and volume other similar celebrations in local history. And withal the crowd was orderly.

There were special watch-night services at the Metropolitan Methodist, St. James', St. Barnabas, and Centennial Methodist churches. There were large audiences in attendance and the sermons and musical programmes were in each case of an appropriate and impressive character. The services opened at 11 p.m.

The congregation of the James Bay Methodist church united with that of the Metropolitan. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Speer, spoke impressively on the significance of the passing of the year, and the choir rendered excellent music.

The splendid programme arranged for Christmas at St. James' was repeated at the usual evening service at that church last evening, watch-night service being held later, commencing at 11:30 p.m.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough, the pastor, conducted the watch-night services at the Centennial Methodist church, Gorge road, which was largely attended. The service opened at 11 p.m.

Dr. Bryce, one of the leading members of the Presbyterian church, who has long labored in Manitoba and the Northwest, at the usual evening service at the First Presbyterian church, delivered a very impressive address appropriate to the occasion and the choir rendered suitable selections, the solo "Eternity, Where?" closing the year's worship.

There were also special services under the direction of the Salvation Army, which were largely attended.

The J.B.A.A. as usual watched the passing of the old and the coming of the new year. They had a large number of guests with them and a jolly couple of hours were spent.

ASHCROFT.

Ashcroft, Dec. 29.—A large and enthusiastic audience from Ashcroft and neighborhood filled the town hall this evening on the occasion of a concert to raise money for the Mansion House fund. Hon. C. F. Cornwall was the chairman and welcomed the audience in an appropriate address. The programme, which consisted of about twenty pieces, was in every way pleasing as well as instructive and patriotic. The song by Mr. Warren, "Soldiers of the Queen," received a merited encore. The playing of the Misses Tingley and McCosh was much appreciated by the audience. The recitation of the "Absent-Minder Beggar" by Mrs. Rowlands was given in a touching and dramatic style. Rev. A. Dorrell sang "Good bye, Sweetheart" in a very acceptable way. In fact all the pieces were rendered in a praiseworthy manner. At the close the audience sang "God Save the Queen" and gave three rousing cheers for Temple Cornwall, Ashcroft's representative in the Transvaal.

The proceeds amounted to $130. After Mrs. Rowlands had recited the "Absent-Minded Beggar" a hat was passed around, which resulted in the handsome sum of $28.50.

Mrs. Rowlands deserves great praise for the way in which she trained the eight little girls in the flag drill. At the end of the drill the children sang the chorus of the "Soldiers of the Queen." The girls were dressed in uniform of white dresses and red sashes, each bearing two flags. Great credit is also due to Mr. Warren for the way in which he trained the eight little boys in the cutlass drill. The boys were dressed in sailors' uniform and carried swords. After the concert a dance was given, and another collection being made resulted in $10, making the grand total about $140.

A vote of thanks was passed to the chair, also to the Ashcroft Electric Lighting and Waterworks Co. for giving the light free for the evening. A vote of thanks was also given to Mr. Lyne for use of the hall.

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STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 30.—Transactions on the stock exchange to-day were more or less interrupted by holiday frolics indulged in by the brokers on the floor, but there was sufficient trading in the evening up of accounts for the close of the year to make quite an active market. The evening accounts involved some taking of profits on large advances of the week, which made the market irregular. The Baltimore and Ohio stocks were conspicuously affected, the common falling back nearly 2½ and the preferred over a point. The most active of the specialties, including Sugar, the Tobaccos and the New York City Traction stocks were also inclined to react, but the undertone of the market was strong and there was a disposition to hold stocks for the expected demand after the first of the year. But it is possible that a relaxation in foreign money rates may be based on the expectations of further supplies of gold from this country. That being the case bankers believe that there may be a recurrence of the money stiffness in January. The day's trading demonstrated that the level of prices still offers inducements for investment buying. Sales of small lots of less than 100 shares continued even more conspicuous than on recent days. All grades of stocks were embraced in this demand down to the non-dividend paying stocks, with only remote prospects of return. The prevailing sentiment on the exchange was decidedly bullish. The constrat striving of the financial world to anticipate events is responsible for the paradox of a lively recovery in prices of securities and easy money conditions in the last week of the year. Closing:

Amn. Tob.	98½
Amn. Sugar	128¼
A. T. all paid	19⅞
A. T. pfd	62
A. S. & W.	48⅜
B. & O. pfd	76¾
B. R. T.	72⅞
C. & O.	31⅝
C. B. Q.	121¾
Chicago Gas	105¼
C. N. W.	150½
C. R. I. & P. xd	106½
C. M. & St. P.	117¾
Cont. Tob. com	32½
C. C. C. & St. L.	61¼
Fed. Steel	52⅞
Fed. Steel pfd. xd	74
L. & N.	80½
Man.	97½
M. P.	40½
Fed. Steel	52⅞
Met.	175
N. P. com	3¾
N. P. pfd	75¾
N. Y. C. & H.	131⅜
N. Y. L. E. & W. pfd	33
N. Y. O. & W.	22¼
Pac. Mail	46
P. & R. all paid	19
Sou. Ry	12
Sou. Pac.	38⅛
T. C. & I.	83½
U. S. Leather	16⅛
U. S. Rubber Co.	42
U. P.	47⅞
U. P. pfd	74¾
Wabash pfd	21
W. U.	85

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A BRISK YEAR REVIEWED.

Trade and Shipping Good

The Year Just Closed a Record Breaker in Victoria's Stride Forward.

Unprecedentedly Busy at the Docks and Ship-yards—Inland Revenue Figures.

The Colonist is unable as formerly to present to its readers in its New Year's edition the customs, trade and shipping returns. The usual efforts were made to secure the same, but pressure of work on Collector Milne and staff at the customs house prevented their being prepared in time to hand to the Colonist for publication this morning. It is learned, however, that there is a steady and healthy growth in trade in all branches, Victoria outstripping all rivals in the race for real commercial supremacy. The most important feature of the statistics in the customs branch is of course the figures indicating the growth of this city's trade with the new north—that portion of the great west now rapidly undergoing the process of development in consequence of the exploitation of the vast gold deposits and the influx of a large population. The statement will bear repetition in this connection that this city does upwards of 50 per cent. of the whole trade of the Yukon and Atlin districts. It is estimated that during the year just closed upwards of 20,000 tons of goods went into the northern gold fields and 80 per cent. were Canadian. Taking the customs returns, it is shown that Victoria did 60 per cent. of that trade, but Collector Milne thinks a conservative estimate would place the amount at 50 per cent. The appended return of the values of goods going into the north country by way of Lynn canal during the past four years are eloquently indicative of Victoria's firm grasp upon the bulk of this rapidly increasing trade:

1896	$ 53,000
1897	273,000
1898	1,586,000
1899	2,076,000

The figures for the year 1899 will be increased of course when final returns are received from Bennett. During the month of October the collections at Bennett were larger than those of any other place in the province. In this connection it may be noted that all of the spirits which went into Dawson last year were supplied by British Columbia firms, this being a highly important factor in itself.

Victoria is easily holding her own as the leading commercial city of the province. It is anticipated that during 1900 there will be much attention paid to the exploitation and development of the marvellous mineral resources of Vancouver Island, and this will surely result in greatly increasing the trade and prosperity of Victoria, whose future never looked brighter.

INLAND REVENUE.

Collections Made in the Victoria Division for the Year.

The inland revenue collections during 1899 were somewhat short of those received in 1898, but a good showing is made nevertheless. Collections were heaviest during April, June and August, more than $20,000 having been received in each of those months. The following table shows the total collections from January 1 to December 31, 1899:

January	$ 15,950 16
February	16,085 75
March	15,355 45
April	20,599 11
May	16,615 14
June	20,949 04
July	18,059 91
August	20,047 45
September	16,405 23
October	17,282 92
November	12,757 57
December	11,200 67
Total	$201,308 40

The amount collected in 1898 was $242,269.09.

THE SHIPPING BUSINESS.

Last Year a Very Successful One for the Docks and Yards.

The year just closed proved a very busy one at the dockyard and marine railways. Nineteen vessels, aggregating a total tonnage of 34,150 were handled at the Esquimalt graving dock. The increased vigilance on the part of the naval authorities at Esquimalt necessitated the docking of the warships more frequently in order that they should be in prime condition, so the majority of the vessels which entered the dock were Her Majesty's ships. July and August were the busiest months, but business during the entire year was above the average. year's business totals up to a good round sum, the better rates offered over those prevailing on the Sound having attracted a number of American bottoms.

The stimulus given the sealing industry by the successful catches made last season and the good prices obtained at the London sales, was reflected in the increased business during the year at the local shipyards. Mr. Turpel reports having had one of the busiest years since he has been established and the same may be said of the Star shipyard. Not for years have so many schooners fitted out to engage in sealing as was the case during 1899 and the increased business at the shipyards is of course due to that fact. The outlook for 1900 is very good. The shipping of the port is constantly being augmented by the purchasing or building of new craft of various descriptions to handle Victoria's rapidly increasing water-borne trade.

At the Esquimalt marine railway the

Lumber Industry Thrives Especially on Island.

There can be no dispute of the fact that with British Columbia's lumber manufacturers and exports, 1899 has been a good year—a year of progress. True, there has been no marked increase in the volume of export trade, but this is attributable, not to any lack of business, but to an unprecedented scarcity of lumber carrying tonnage, this famine of ships—more especially toward the close of the year—greatly interfering with the arrangements of the mill men and materially reducing the volume of production. The highest rates on record are now being offered for suitable lumber carriers, and everything offering is eagerly snapped up at fancy figures, the Chemainus mill alone being understood to have upwards of four million feet of ordered lumber awaiting delivery to various parts of the world so soon as the ships can be engaged to carry it. As for the markets—the year just closed has witnessed a steady and constantly improving demand from Australia, the Orient, South America and the Hawaiian Islands, Honolulu, since the establishment there of an American territorial government, showing unmistakable indications of becoming a heavy purchaser in the near future. India is also opening as a market for British Columbia forest products—the Chemainus mills having done $14,085 worth of business with Calcutta, and the Moodyville mills $15,221—during the season just at an end. There will, no doubt, be a small but profitable temporary trade with the Nome goldfields in the approaching spring, but this class of business will exert no lasting or really appreciable influence upon the general development of the industry. On the other hand the progress of events in the Orient—to a considerable extent influenced by the American occupation of the Philippines, and the rapid acceptance by Japan of a place among the progressive, pushing nations—indicates the opening of vast possibilities to the trade in this direction, South Africa being another great and growing purchaser. The advance in prices, by about $1.00 per thousand, during the year, had a decidedly stimulating effect, and 1899 closes with all parties interested both satisfied and hopeful. It is clearly indicative of the state of the British Columbia lumber trade to find the biggest mills of the province, those of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., at Chemainus, moving in the direction of doubling their mill capacity, and at the same time greatly improving their facilities for delivery of logs at mill. When the changes now under way in this direction shall have been completed, these Vancouver Island mills may be counted upon to take a very foremost place in controlling the export industry of the Pacific Coast. From present indications there would also be a handsome margin of profit for the enterprising British Columbian or company first providing by purchase or construction a fleet of lumber carriers to operate in conjunction with the home mills. Very few sterling business investments at the present time appear to offer better opportunities. In comparison with the preceding year, 1899 shows a growth of export trade and of values—although the figures would indicate little more than a firm maintenance of the trade existent a twelve month ago. The figures for the then closed year were 49,000,000 feet exported foreign, with a gross valuation of $406,001—this year the approximation figures are 49,720,000 feet, of a value of $446,851. Chemainus as before does half of the total trade of the province, an accurate indication of the condition of which is given in the appended tables:

LOADED AT CHEMAINUS.

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Cargo.	Value
Jan. 3..	Am. barkentine John Smith	Capetown	626,856	$ 4,532
Feb. 9..	Am. barkentine Coloma	Tientsin	700,497	5,950
Feb. 10..	Am. schooner W. F. Witzemann	Tientsin	364,068	2,900
Mar. 11..	Am. schooner E. K. Wood	Tientsin	690,292	5,610
April 12..	Haw. bk. Hawaiian Isles	Melbourne	1,914,665	14,309
Mar. 23..	Am. bark Sea King	Sydney	1,130,278	9,169
April 23..	British bark Orion	Calcutta	1,616,318	14,085
April 18..	Am. bark Undaunted	Capetown	1,263,853	10,684
May 24..	Haw. ship Star of France	Melbourne	1,176,922	9,179
May 28..	British ship British General	Australia	1,457,539	11,510
June 14..	Norwegian ship Hercules	Queensboro	907,546	10,410
June 10..	British bk. Sebastian Bach	Tientsin and Newchwang	552,566	4,782
June 24..	Am. schooner King Cyrus	Newshwang	878,728	9,751
July 20..	Am. bark Guy C. Goss	Taku	1,134,648	12,619
Aug. 8..	British bark Nanaimo	Taku	419,152	3,450
July 15..	Russian steamer Dalnyvostok	Port Arthur	1,452,876	12,716
Aug. 15..	Norwegian steamer Tyr	Newchwang	1,618,102	12,892
Aug. 17..	Am. schooner E. K. Wood	Shanghai	634,372	6,138
Sept. 14..	Am. bark Echo	Valparaiso	877,993	7,938
Oct. 8..	Am. ship Elwell	Melbourne	1,107,433	9,780
Nov. 11..	Am. ship Marion Chilcott	Adelaide	1,439,356	12,525
Nov. 29..	Am. bark Harvester	Capetown	1,121,121	9,550
Dec. 30..	Am. bark Sea King	Adelaide	1,137,036	9,900
Dec. 30..	Am. ship Yosemite	Sydney	759,831	7,600

LOADED AT HASTINGS, BURRARD INLET AND VANCOUVER.

Date	Vessel.	Destination.	Cargo	Value.
May 7..	British bk. Clan Galbraith	Algoa Bay	1,641,759	$13,957
July 11..	Am. schooner Compeer	Japan	426,928	3,545
July 15..	British bark Addeley	Sydney	1,692,738	7,676
Oct. 25..	British str. Elm Branch	Tientsin	2,841,321	26,000
Nov. 4..	Am. ship Wachusett	Melbourne	1,111,240	13,332
Dec. 28..	British bk. Kate F. Troop	Philadelphia	879,600	17,000
Dec. 30..	Am. ship Wm. H. Macy	Africa	1,592,000	14,700
Nov. 23..	British ship Ivy	Melbourne	847,708	6,396
Nov. 8..	steamer Tyr	Newchwang	1,514,260	12,869
Dec. 30..	Am. bark Coalinga	Chili	706,000	7,800

LOADED AT MOODYVILLE.

Date.	Vessel.	Destination	Cargo	Value
Jan. 30..	Am. bark Louisana	Sydney	1,129,111	$ 8,596
Feb. 15..	Norwegian ss. Ragnar	Newchwang	1,194,421	10,625
Mar. 8..	German ship Rodenbek	Callao	1,369,231	11,130
April 11..	Italian bark Altcar	Callao	1,012,013	8,500
June 14..	British ship City of Madras	Australia	1,321,177	7,888
May 31..	British bark Dundee	Calcutta	1,791,985	15,221
Oct. 31..	Am. ship Florence	Sydney	1,237,959	9,468
Dec. 28..	British bark Rose	Geraldton, W. A.	619,758	5,290

LOADED AT GANGES HARBOR, COWICHAN, VICTORIA AND WESTMINSTER.

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Cargo.	Value.
Feb. 25..	Am. barkentine Eric	Tientsin	(piles)	$ 3,115
May 3..	Am. schooner J. M. Weatherwax	Nagasaki	519,243	4,670
May 11..	British bark Brunel	Callao	1,191,958	10,153
May 15..	Am. bark Alex. McNeil	Port Pirie	995,579	5,140
Sept. 27..	Am. schooner Fred. J. Wood	Santa Rosalia	180,400	3,500
Dec. 18..	Am. barkentine Northwest	Santa Rosalia	120,000	2,500

LOADING AND TO ARRIVE.

AT CHEMAINUS—J. B. Brown, for Sydney; Silo, for U. K.; Antofagasta, for Antofagasta; Wrestler, for Melbourne; Creedmoor, Crown Prince and Glenalvon, for U. K.; Needles, for South Africa.

AT MOODYVILLE—Altcar, for Callao; Latone, for Valparaiso; Falls of Garry and Adderley, destination not yet fixed.

RECAPITULATION.

Loading Port.	Australasia	The Orient	Africa.	South Am	Miscel.	Total.
Chemainus	$94,373	$75,808	$24,766	$7,938	$14,085	$216,970
Hastings, Burrard Inlet or Van'r	27,404	42,214	28,657	7,800	17,000	123,075
Cowichan, Salt S'g, Victoria or Westminster	5,140	7,785	.....	10,153	7,000	30,078
Moodyville	31,152	10,625	.....	19,730	15,221	76,728
Total	$158,069	$136,432	$53,423	$45,621	$53,306	$446,851

BRITISH COLUMBIA SALMON FLEET—1899.

Vessel.	Loading Port.	Destination.	Cases.
Rus. bark Favell	Fraser River	London	59,430
Br. ship River Falloch	Fraser River	Liverpool	61,633
Br. ship City of Delhi	Fraser River	London	52,765
Br. bk. Kirkhill	Fraser River	Liverpool	63,768
Ger. ship Coriolanus	Victoria	London	38,475
Br. bark Cambrian Princess	Fraser River	Liverpool	57,786
Br. bark Killarney	Victoria & Fraser	Liverpool	57,689
Br. bark County of Cardigan	Fraser River	Liverpool	55,965
Br. ship Senator	Fraser River	Liverpool	70,346

Busy Year For Builders.

Number of Business Blocks Erected During the Last Twelve Months.

Many Handsome Residences Within and Without the City Limits.

That Victoria is steadily growing is shown by the figures supplied by City Assessor Northcott, showing the amount expended during the year in building operations. In 1898 the total, including the amount for completing the post office, was $216,800, while in 1899, without any expenditure on government buildings, it reaches the respectable sum of $255,000. A considerable portion of this was for brick buildings, which replaced wooden shacks in the business portion of the city. The amount, of course, would be greatly increased were the residences erected in the suburbs, principally along the Esquimalt road and at Oak Bay, taken into consideration. In the sections mentioned, as well as in other suburbs, many residences were erected, some of them very handsome and costly ones. The sawmills and brickyards were also called upon to supply a large amount of material for new buildings for the naval authorities at Esquimalt and the military authorities at Work Point barracks. The year, therefore, has been a good one for builders, and with lots of work still in hand, they have prospects of even more in the spring.

The list of new buildings furnished by the city assessor follows:

CENTRAL WARD.

City brick fire hall	$ 4,000
Crown Insurance Co., alterations to brick building	2,000
Barnsley & Co., 2 storey brick block	6,500
E. V. Bodwell, 1 two-storey stone and wood dwelling	3,800
Campbell & McCandless, 1 two-storey brick block	7,200
Thos. Earle, 1 three-storey brick block	10,000
Mary Elliott, 1 one-storey wooden dwelling	800
Dominion Government, alterations to old post office	2,000
Sisters of St. Ann, wooden school house	2,000
Ida M. Smeaton, 1 two-storey brick store	2,000
J. A. Sayward, 1 two-storey brick block	3,000
S. Leiser, addition to wooden dwelling	3,000
Dr. F. Hall, 1 two-storey brick store	2,400
Mrs. Lang, 1 two-storey wooden dwelling	2,500
Mrs. Lang, 1 two-storey wooden dwelling	2,500
Jackson & McDonell, 1 three-storey brick theatre	9,000
A. J. C. Galletly, 1 two-storey wooden dwelling	4,000
G. A. Richardson, alterations to store	1,500
F. E. Newberger, 1 two-storey brick block	4,500
C. Wenger, addition to dwelling	600
Mrs. J. E. Mesher, 4 two-storey wooden dwellings	7,500
Mrs. J. E. Mesher, 1 two-storey wooden dwelling	2,500
Repairs and alterations	25,000
Total	$105,000

NORTH WARD.

Mrs. Graham, 1 one-storey wooden dwelling	$ 400
Mrs. L. A. Cherry, 1 two-storey wooden dwelling	2,000
B. C. I. & S. Co., addition to wooden dwelling	500
City, alteration to market	4,500
Chas. Baxter, addition to dwelling	800
J. W. Coburn, 1 two-storey wooden dwelling	3,000
Mrs. J. J. Buckler, 1 one-storey wooden dwelling	250
Mrs. Emery, addition to wooden dwelling	800
City, addition to electric light works	3,000
J. A. Sayward, 1 two-storey wooden dwelling	1,000
St. Saviour's church addition	1,500
R. Semple, 1 one-storey wooden dwelling	1,000
J. Lessueur, addition to dwelling	400
Lee Meng Kow, 1 two-storey brick building	2,000
C. W. Ross, 1 1½-storey wooden dwelling	1,500
Thos. Redding, addition to dwelling	250
S. B. Netherby, 1 two-storey wooden dwelling	1,250
C. W. Norton, addition to wooden dwelling	600
R. Porter, 1 brick stable	2,800
John B. Phillips, 1 one-storey wooden dwelling	750
L. Stemler, addition to dwelling	1,000
W. Stainer, 1 one-storey wooden dwelling	400
Mrs. A. Willey, 1 two-storey wooden dwelling	2,400
F. A. Pauline, 2-storey brick building	10,000
Jas. McCorkall, 1 one-storey wooden dwelling	600
H. D. Ball, 1 one-storey wooden dwelling	2,000
Repairs and alterations	20,000
Total	$ 69,700

SOUTH WARD.

City, brick building, Cook street	$ 600
E. Dickenson, brick cottage	600
W. J. Hanna, 1 one and one-half storey wooden dwelling	1,500
R. Lettice, addition to dwelling	400
M. Thomson, 1 two-storey wooden dwelling	1,000
F. W. Nolte, 1 two-storey wooden dwelling	2,000
Thos. Booz, 1 one-storey wooden dwelling	1,400
W. J. Pendray, 1 three-storey brick building	18,000
Mrs. F. P. Patton, 1 two-storey wooden dwelling	5,000
C. A. Vernon, 1 three-storey brick block	18,000
Mrs. J. C. Miller, 1 one and one-half storey wooden dwelling	2,500
A. E. McPhillips, 1 two-storey wooden dwelling	4,000
Repairs and alterations	25,000
Total	$ 80,000

RECAPITULATION.

Central Ward	$105,800
North Ward	69,700
South Ward	80,000
Grand total	$255,500

Municipal Notice.

Election of School Trustees.

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City, on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1900, from 12 (noon) to 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing four persons as members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District.

Any person being a householder in the School District, and being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and otherwise qualified by the "Public Schools Act" to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District, is eligible to be elected or to serve as a School Trustee.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be Nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the Nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1900, in the Court Room, at the City Hall, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., at which time and place each Elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor, will be entitled to cast his vote for four (4) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for any such candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand, at Victoria, British Columbia, the 28th day of December, 1899.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

Municipal Notice.

Municipal Elections 1900.

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1900, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor or Aldermen.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the Nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 11th day of January 1900, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., in the manner following:

For the office of Mayor, in the Court Room of the City Hall, aforesaid.

For the office of Alderman for the North Ward, at the Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the Central Ward, at the Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the South Ward, at the Public Market Building, Cormorant street, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination, registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of One Thousand Dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for, and elected as Alderman of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five Hundred Dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal voters.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 28th day of December, 1899.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
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A BRISK YEAR

The Season's Salmon Pack.

Full Catch on the Fraser and Northern British Columbia Rivers.

Large Fleet Carrying the Fish to the European Markets.

In contrast with its history for the year immediately preceding, the salmon canning industry may be said to have thrived notably during 1899, while both demand and prices are spoken of at the present time as all that could be desired. The improvement is shared with the canners of the American side, the total Pacific Coast pack for 1899 being found to consist of 3,138,040 cases, against 2,484,000 for 1898; 3,121,117 for 1897; 2,300,462 for 1896; 2,034,877 for 1895, and 1,884,211 for 1894—the twelvemonth just at an end going on record as producing the heaviest exports in the history of the trade. Of British Columbia's contribution to the general Pacific Coast pack for export, 711,600 cases, the special distribution by river districts is:

	Cases.
Fraser river	463,600
Northern rivers	216,000
Fraser river, cohoes and fall	32,000

A greatly increased proportion of the pack goes forward to the markets of the world by the regular steamship and railway lines, while a fleet of nine vessels is at present engaged in the delivery of British Columbia salmon of the 1899 pack to London and Liverpool, the vessels engaged representing an aggregate tonnage of 11,854, and the fleet being made up as hereunder:

The pack for the year by canneries follows:

FRASER RIVER CANNERIES.

Cannery.	Cases.
Cleeve C. & C. T. Co.	15,415
Boutillier & Co.	11,000
Premier	5,750
Lam Tung	8,706
Fraser River Cannery	9,082
Vancouver	17,890
Acme	7,650
Terra Nova	11,680
Alliance	6,629
Dinsmore Ltd.	10,000
Provincial	8,000
Greenwood	3,950
Richmond	10,320
Keltic	5,536
English Bay	16,300
Canoe Pass and British American	13,000
Anglo-American	7,500
Brunswick (2)	17,647
Westham Island Packing Co.	8,014
A. B. C. Co. (6 canneries)	51,368
Victoria Canning Co. (3)	47,948
J. H. Todd & Sons (2)	21,729
Industrial	5,738
St. Mungo	12,970
Ewen & Co.	18,700
Dease Island	9,200
Fishermen's	7,253
Currie & McWilliams	22,000
Albion Island	22,584
Canadian Pacific	11,468
Colonial	15,490
Van. Pac. Coast	10,272
Hume & Co.	7,700
Imperial	8,260
London	8,156
Lighthouse	8,000
Star	12,100
Gulf of Georgia	28,500
Atlas	7,585
Scottish Canadian	19,716
Total Fraser river pack for 1899	527,396

NORTHERN CANNERIES.

Windsor	14,062
Carlisle	10,200
Globe	7,900
British American	18,750
North Pacific	18,200
Skeena	14,750
Inverness	15,500
Standard	10,200
Anglo-Alliance	3,000
Lowe Inlet	10 341
Wonnock	10,867
Rivers Inlet (2)	18,000
Wadhams	19,610
Good Hope	7,500
Brunswick	10,740
Vancouver	9,711
Namu Harbor	7,200
Naas Harbor	11,630
Mill Bay	7,812
Alert Bay	6,950
Clayoquot Sound	5,200
Total Northern pack	238,123
Grand total British Columbia	765,519
Grand total British Columbia, 1898	496,447
Increase for 1899	269,072

Sealers Have Great Success.

Fair Catch and Good Prices Give Renewed Life to the Industry.

More Schooners Than for Many Years Fitted Out This Winter.

The marked revival noted at the close of 1898 in the sealing industry, a very important factor in the commercial life of Victoria, has been more than continued during the twelvemonth now at an end, so that the initiation of operations in 1900 sees practically all of the Victoria fleet again at work, under more encouraging conditions than have prevailed during several years past. In the first place the market has had opportunity to recover from the glut of 1896; then, again, sealskin garments have been restored to their former place of honor by decree of fashion, and the receipts of prized land furs show so distinct a falling off in the supply that the wearers of good furs are virtually compelled to turn again to the much-abused seal. The hunters of last season enjoyed the novelty of a genuine profit, the Northwest coast catch of a year ago having sold in the recent December sales at London for 66 shillings, or perhaps a trifle better than $14.50 net for the Victorians engaged in the industry, who had been sufficiently wise not to sell in advance of the big trade auctions. Of course, the increased prices and stimulated demand have had the natural effect of sending practically everyone back into the pelagic hunting, and despite the irrational protests of the United States and their constant harassing of seals and sealers, all are hoping for a good season. If the average profits are on a par with those of last year, everyone will be (or should be) satisfied. Twenty-three of the twenty-six vessels engaged in the 1898-99 hunting are again trying their luck with the gun and the spear this season; while the Marvin fleet (including the schooners E. B. Marvin, Carlotta G. Cox, Annie E. Paint, Triumph and Vera), with 18 other vessels, making up practically all the available fleet of the port, will be engaged, a considerable number of these having spent the past two years in unprofitable idleness. The three solitary exceptions of last year's fleet that are not found among the working schooners of the now opening season, are the Ida Etta, the Emma Louise and the Walter L. Rich—only the last-named being of any considerable size. In addition to witnessing better average catches than has been the rule for years past, and greatly improving prices to boot, the season now at an end was notable for the immunity from disaster of all members of the fleet. The catch in its distribution was:

Schooner.	Spring.	B. Sea.	Total.
Ainoko	449	1,123	1,572
Arietis	392	1,214	1,606
Beatrice	310	768	1,078
Borealis	200	602	802
City of San Diego	.....	930	930
Diana	776	.....	776
Dora Stewerd	319	1,234	1,553
Emma Louisa	.....	913	913
Enterprise	601	1,208	1,809
Favorite	271	1,148	1,419
Geneva	1,582	871	2,453
Hatzic	393	927	1,320
Ida Etta	.....	1,189	1,189
Libbie	.....	779	779
Mary Taylor	162	54	216
Mermaid	1,318	817	2,135
Minnie	236	976	1,212
Ocean Belle	705	756	1,461
Otto	613	612	1,225
Penelope	613	612	1,225
Teresa	.....	1,021	1,021
Umbrina	441	1,782	2,223
Victoria	.....	1,403	1,403
Viva	442	1,267	1,709
Walter L. Rich	.....	513	513
Zillah May	537	912	1,449
Indian canoes (est.)	1,000	.....	1,000
Total	11,472	23,999	35,471

This is an improvement in the total over that of 1898 of 7,573 skins, with nine less schooners employed. The profit to the fleet—basing the calculation upon the London sales valuation of 66 shillings—will be found to have increased more than a hundredfold. In 1897 the total catch was 30,410; and in 1896—the big catch but little profit year—55,677.

EXPORTS TO STATES.

Victoria Sent Over Half a Million Dollars' Worth Across the Border Last Year.

During the year just closed a very fair trade has been done by Victorians with the people of the United States, as will be seen by the following statement of the value of exports prepared by Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul:

Articles.	Value.
Acid and soda	$ 608 18
Coal tar	589 70
Collections of stamps	752 50
Driving outfit	990 00
Dogs	1,265 00
Engine room telegraph	194 40
Groceries	3,364 88
Gold bullion	396,658 66
Hides and skins	133,579 32
Household goods	4,850 50
Hemp and paper stuff	616 82
Junk	9,670 82
Iron drums	1,092 00
Liquors	49,213 96
Mining stock certificates	5,002 50
Miscellaneous	2,562 28
Nithate of soda	3,660 42
Oat hulls	564 28
Ore, gold, silver and copper	28,411 26
Pig lead	422 50
Porcelain butts	6,200 36
Plaster casts, Indian work	602 50
Returned American goods	12,708 71
Salmon	183 50
Sacks	252 50
Specimens for museums	355 00
Yellow sheathing, ships	1,269 35
Total	$666,038 90

POLICE RETURNS.

Fewer Charges Laid Last Year Than During the Previous Twelve Months.

Like everything else, the morals of the city of Victoria improved during the year which ended last night, the calendar at the police station showing that 823 charges had been entered, as against 846 last year. Against whites there were 633 charges, as against 680 in 1898; Indians, 126, as against 88; and Chinamen, 64, against 78. The charges entered during 1899 were:

Whites—Assault 44, aggravated assault 5, assisting deserters Royal Navy 1, attempted suicide 1, burglary 3, breaking and entering 3, city by-laws 124, creating a disturbance 2, cutting and wounding 2, cruelty to animals 4, carrying concealed weapons 1, drunk 150, desertions from Royal Navy 3, embezzlement 2, fraud 2, fighting 2, housebreaking 11, indecent assault 1, indecent exposure 4, infraction Medical act 1, infraction Naval Discipline act 4, infraction Juvenile act 1, keeping house ill-fame 7, keeping gaming house 1, infraction Liquor License act 7, lodgings 24, malicious injury to property 13, neglect to provide for wife 1, obtaining money under false pretences 3, obscene language 1, infraction Public Morals by-law 16, possession stolen property 17, refusing to support family 2, stealing 69, supplying intoxicants 6, using threatening language 9, unsound mind 39, vagrancy 43, witnesses 4.

Indians—Aggravated assault 1, drunks 97, in possession of intoxicants 22, supplying intoxicants 2, witnesses 4.

Chinese—Aggravated assault 1, arson 1, cutting and wounding 1, carrying concealed weapons 2, city by-laws 22, grievous bodily harm 1, indecent exposure 1, obtaining money by false pretences 3, stealing 17, supplying intoxicants 7, using threatening language 1, unsound mind 1, vagrancy 3.

TEST THE URINE.

If you have backache and there are brick dust deposits found in the urine after it stands 24 hours you can be sure the kidneys are deranged. To effect a prompt and positive cure and prevent Bright's disease, suffering and death, use Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, the world's greatest kidney cure.

SALUTES TO COLORED OFFICERS

Seldom Forthcoming From the White Members of the American Army.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

"Lieut. Butler?" repeated the sentry. "Which one—black or white?"

He was black himself, but he put the question in such a business-like, impersonal manner as to require a like answer.

It was the black lieutenant, of course, that I wanted to see. Where is the private, white or black, who dares deny the salute to Lieut. Butler—white? Lieut Butler, black, sailed yesterday afternoon for the Philippines. He took with him the knowledge that Uncle Sam's military rules may be interpreted in two ways—a white way and a black way.

The white way is uninteresting, for it is the every-day interpretation. The black way is that most radically expressed by a certain white sergeant in the Third artillery the other day.

"Take that coat off," he shouted to his superior officer (colored), "and I'll salute the straps, but I'll be Alcatrazed if I'll salute you!"

A moment later there was a negro lieutenant knocked down by his military inferiors. There was a dishonoring of gilt shoulder-straps, whose significance nearly a hundred thousand men were taught to respect during our last war. And there was a hasty lining-up of two rows of threatening men, one white, the other black, quite as though the war before the last had not put an end to race hatred in America.

"If I report a man for disrespect for neglecting to salute me as his superior officer," said a negro officer out at the Presidio yesterday, "he is brought up before his judges, and so am I. To me they say, 'You are quite right. The offense is plain. It was an open disregard of military regulations.' To him they say, after I am gone, 'Well, of course, there are the rules, and their meaning is plain. But I'll admit it's pretty hard luck to have to salute a nigger.' I put the blame for this disrespect to the uniform on the white officers. We teach our men to salute the mark of military rank, no matter who wears it. The white officer whose men refuse the salute is half in sympathy with them himself."

"Yesterday at the Palace hotel," said the officer, "I happened to be in the court, and, turning, saw a white officer, a surgeon, just beginning, you know, in his profession," he added, with a gentle disdain. "I really hadn't had time to recognized the fact that he was an officer before he turned completely around to avoid saluting me. Doesn't it seem absurd?"

"This question isn't a new one," said a colored philosopher who happens to be an officer. "In Jefferson barracks, Missouri, where we were stationed, the thing had finally to be recognized and a test made to enforce discipline."

"Down in Arizona, where I came from," said a negro sergeant, who had just brought a prisoner up to Alcatraz for disobedience and disrespect to a superior, "it's the same way. It's ignorance usually, and the low-class volunteer who makes a personal matter of it."

"And the fact is," said a lieutenant in the Forty-ninth, "the man who happens to be wearing the uniform has nothing to do with the matter. The salute is a mark of respect to a certain rank. It ought not to matter to a man who wears the same uniform as I do, who serves the same government that I do, whether that uniform is worn by a white man or a black or a yellow man or a scoundrel. And the question of discrimination was not left to the discretion of individuals. It's purely a matter of form and a military detail."

"You won't understand, will you," interposed Lieut. Tillman, good-naturedly, "that we are deliberately seeking the salute? It makes no difference to a man of sense whether a prejudiced white soldier goes out of his way to make a personal matter out of what is simply a military regulation. We haven't been chasing the salute at all. When a group of men are standing at the head of the street here, zigzag across in order to relieve them of the painful necessity of saluting. But if these men feel that it humiliates them to salute a colored officer, I'll spare them the salute. Yesterday I overheard two men take a third to task for saluting the rank I wear. 'What d'ye mean,' one said, 'by giving that nigger the salute? I'd see him in —— before I'd salute him.' Now, I think the common sense way is the way to treat this thing. Rigidly considered, I should have these men arrested, put in the guardhouse and made to stand trial. That is my right and their fit punishment. But there is no man living, white or black, who will dispute the human necessity of departing at times from the rigid rule. Discretion, good judgment, expediency—whatever you choose to call it—suggests that a man should ignore these things for a time. In ten years, fifteen years it will have passed. I wouldn't make a tragedy of it. It isn't worth while."

"Among the regulars," said a tall, straight, soldierly-looking black fellow with stripes on his sleeves, "we find that a man's too much of a soldier, as a rule, to take up a class war. It's the volunteers, who aren't accustomed to colored officers, who'll say what a white soldier said of me at the Thanksgiving football game.

"'Salute that thing!' he sneered, when his companion stood at attention. 'Touch your cap to that nigger? I'll be —— if I do!'

"Of course there are regulars, officers and men, who'll have urgent business off at a tangent from their line of walk the moment a colored officer appears. And there are those among the white privates who make a distinction between 'swelled-head niggers' and those who are not unduly elated at being above white men.

"But, after all, this is not the serious side of the matter. If a lot of white soldiers are running away from the possibility of being compelled to salute, a colored officer would make a dignified picture, wouldn't he, running after them? The only part of it that a person need consider is the effect it has upon the men. The black private has as much loyalty to his officers as the white man has; often more. If two officers of the Forty-ninth, friends of Butler's, hadn't been at hand to quiet things last week there would have been bloodshed, with whites on one side and blacks on the other. Colored privates are pretty prudent and rather good-natured, and it is the policy of the officers to make as little as possible of the slights no white officer at the Presidio would for one moment overlook. But when you add fighting whiskey to the men's knowledge that their regiment's been wronged, there is the danger that'll come from the laxness of the white officers in not seeing to it that their men respect rank in negroes."

"There are only two cures for it," said Tillman. "One in time. The colored commissioned officer is comparatively a new thing. In time men of both colors will become better used to it. The other is war. Down in Cuba, we fought side by side with the white men, and came to forget, as they did, that there was any difference between us. We were fighting for the same thing. There were matters so big to be considered that the little points of military etiquette couldn't be thought about."

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The prosecution of the metal mining industry in its multifarious forms, upon the success of which to a great extent the prosperity of the entire province may be said to be contingent, has been attended by numerous unanticipated and very considerable obstacles during the year that has just closed. And yet—here the magnificent sufficiency of British Columbia's mineral wealth again asserts itself—despite all the difficulties and discouraging conditions by which it has been hampered, the foundation industry of the province has not only held its own, but enormously increased the output of precious and economic metals. It is even safe to say that while the mineral production of British Columbia for 1898, reached the enormous total of $10,826,861, an increase from $2,608,803 in but eight years, the statistics for the year that ended yesterday will be found to improve upon this magnificent showing by quite 50 per cent, bringing the production up to $15,000,000, or thereabouts—by far the best figure ever yet attained. What it would have been but for the closing of the great mines of the Slocan owing to what is known as the eight hour difficulty; the tangle in titles that has so seriously retarded the development of the Atlin district; and the continued depreciation of silver values, may be left to the imagination. Enough is known from what has been accomplished in the face of official blundering and natural difficulties, to justify the assertion that British Columbia has become an important and even growing factor to be reckoned with in the computation of the gold supply, and also that the copper and copper-gold mines of Vancouver Island are in themselves sufficient to make this one of the richest industrial centres of the West. The increase in the precious metal production above referred to may be said to originate in the two great camps of the north and south—the placer and hydraulic workings of Atlin on the one hand, and the constantly worked, immense bodies of low grade gold quartz in the Rossland district of West Kootenay. It is due almost altogether to the efforts of the miners of Atlin that the production of the placers has again—for the first time since 1881—crossed the million dollar mark, practically doubling the production of 1898 and carrying the mind back to the days of old when "Cariboo" was on every lip and the fame of the Williams and Lightning creek diggings first brought this western colony under the notice of the busy world. $643,346 is given as the total value of the British Columbia yield of placer gold for 1898; during 1899, royalty was paid at Atlin on no less than 26,579 ounces of an average value of $15.75, and as this is semi-officially estimated to represent considerably less than 50 per cent of the output of the camp for the just closed season, $850,000 would be a very modest estimate to put upon the production total for the new northern district. Nor can this be fairly taken to represent the producing capacity of the Atlin camp, for during the greater part of the working season operations were virtually suspended owing to the unfortunate tangle of titles which Mr. Justice Irving was required to dispose of, and did after full and patient investigation of the miners' grievances. It is not as a placer camp, however, nor yet a great hydraulicing proposition, that Atlin promises to become permanently great among the gold districts. Atlin is already classified by the best experts, as a distinctly quartz proposition; and with the advent of machinery and capital, the era of its real greatness will be said to open, although there are no doubts millions still to be washed or hydrauliced from its shallow gravels before its placer days have passed. As an indication of the accomplishments of the past year, aside from that given by the production returns, it may be mentioned that there have been 8,619 placer claims recorded during the twelve-month, and 645 mineral claims. The development progress reported from Atlin during the just-ended year has an important bearing upon the mining situation apart and separate altogether from the relationship of the Atlin product itself to the general gold supply—confirming as it does in large measure the existence of a great placer gold belt extending practically the entire length of the province, from Wild Horse creek in East Kootenay, near the United States boundary, northwesterly along the westerly slope of the Rockies, through Cariboo and the adjacent gold fields, and still farther on through Atlin to the famous Klondike. Between Atlin and Cariboo there is still, as noted by the provincial mineralogist, a very considerable area of natural placer mining country which invites the attention of prospectors and which there is no reason to suppose does not contain as many fortunes as have yet been won in the sections farther to the north or south. Of Cassiar and Omineca, Atlin's nearest neighbors among the mining divisions, it may be said that both have made substantial progress during the year that is just dead. In Omineca it may be described as the progress of preparation, somewhat less prospecting having been done than in the previous year and the resident population concentrating their attention upon systematic development. Thirteen large companies in all have been putting machinery in position, and one of these, the Forty-Third Mining & Milling Co., after expending almost a quarter of a million in the construction of flumes and introduction of modern mining machinery, are now ready for the coming of spring and the reaping of the natural reward of their enterprise and investment. On the Meslinca river, an affluent of the Omineca from the north, $150,000 worth of work, if not more, has also been done this year, with results that are regarded as distinctly encouraging. In Cassiar proper, if such a term may be employed, the railway company have had many prospectors in the field and expended thousands upon thousands of dollars in the exploiting of the hidden riches of their grant—with results that are understood to be eminently favorable. The number of hydraulic leases has also been materially increased during the past season; while individual prospectors have been the reverse of idle, and added materially to the number of located and recorded mineral claims. Coal has recently been discovered on Buckley river, Omineca, the outcroppings being of an exceptionally promising character; and this presence on the spot of plentiful supply of fuel will no doubt greatly assist in the development of adjacent metalliferous mines.

Coming nearer home, there has been continued and energetic development of the copper properties of Texada and adjacent islands, the Mainland coast, and the west and east coasts of Vancouver Island. The erection and operation of the Van Anda smelter has had a most stimulating effect on home mines, and while the Copper Queen and the Cornell promise to present an enduring body of ore sufficient to keep the smelter continually busy on owner's work, it is already evident that the growing custom smelting trade will necessitate important additions to the plant—and that before the year now opening has approached its close. Even now preparations are in progress looking to the construction of another stock at the smelter; and such mines as the Lenora and the Tyee, not more than thirty miles from Victoria in the Mount Sicker camp, should the confidence of the interested mine owners in the permanence of their ore body, be justified by further development, a second Rossland seems destined to arise that will make Victoria's business men awake from their slumber and establish this city even as Spokane has been by the neighborhood of the Rossland camp. The Lenora has for some time past been classed as a shipping mine—indeed it is said that its output shipped or in sight has more than paid for development work, with good prospects ahead. A first-class tramway is now in construction to improve the shipping facilities, by making direct connection between the mine and the railway, and within two weeks time it is predicted that the Lenora will market 100 tons a day—of ore that holds a uniform value of upwards of $20 and thus far surpasses any product of the Rossland camp. At other points along the E. & N. railway considerable prospecting has been and is being done, but it is in the Mount Sicker locality that practical results are most apparent. The West Coast of Vancouver Island has also made giant strides during 1899 towards taking its place among the important copper camps of the Pacific Slope, the well mineralized area extending from Sidney Inlet south, although some casual prospecting has been done and some little development occurred even as far north as Quatsino Sound, and its southerly arm, copper-gold properties here—as elsewhere along the island seaboard—being the prize sought after. At Sidney Inlet there are notably good outcroppings of copper, and two properties at least have been sufficiently opened up to tempt capital on a legitimate basis of the actual showing. On one of these, which has been bonded to a Scottish association of capitalists at a handsome figure, there are some twenty men working; at the other, on which the Dewdney Development Syndicate have an option, a force of workmen is also employed and some splendid ore is in evidence. The Clayoquot district has also made great progress during recent months, in each of its four important divisions—the Rose Marie group, Bear river, Deer creek and Tranquille creek. The most actual work has been done on the Rose Marie properties, which are on Kennedy lake, where a four-stamp mill and concentrator have been put up, the company being now about ready to ship their concentrates. They have a good quartz vein carrying gold and copper, and development has reached that stage when profitable results are commencing to be looked for. On Tranquille creek some really magnificent copper-gold ore bodies have been brought to light during the just-passed summer, the indications being that they will richly reward the fortunate discovers. On Deer creek the Jumbo is—and has been for some time past—working a force of twenty men, and has a shaft down more than 100 feet in good ore, a number of adjacent properties sharing in its favorable indications. On Cat-face mountain, also near Clayoquot, local people are working at a profit in good ore and about to extend the range of their operations; while at the Iron Cap, on the mountain of the same name, Mr. Jacobsen and his associates are taking out $50 to $100 ore, and shipping to the Tacoma smelter. The black sand deposits on the beach at Wreck Bay—traced also into the neighboring stretch of sand known as Long Beach—excited much attention during the past summer, and which the glowing reports made of their richness by early enthusiasts on the ground were far from justified, assays of the sand in the provincial laboratory give a return of $100 to the ton, at which value it could be immensely profitable to work if only the deposits were known to possess sufficient body to justify the introduction of machinery. Negotiations are now in progress with San Francisco capitalists looking to the taking over of the entire group of bench claims and their working by the most approved scientific methods, and 1900 may possible see good dividends returned to those interested in consequence. On Anderson lake work is progressing on several promising properties of copper-gold quartz heavily capped with magnetitites. Two properties here are showing up notably well—that of Mr. Bunthrone and his associates; and that in which Major B. Williams and other Victorians are chiefly interested, known as the Lake Shore group. At Uchucklesett harbor several claims are being opened up with fair prospects to encourage the owners; and at Snug Basin, near the head of Uchucklesett Arm, several others, all in gold-copper or silver-copper ore, the latter being an infrequently occurring combination. In Barclay Sound, or rather at the entrance to this body of water, Mr Anderson has a number of fine iron properties which have been inspected by the representatives of influential capitalists and of which it is not unlikely a sale will be made in the near future. Copper Island, in this harbor, also shows some splendid iron ore of precisely similar grade and formation. Up the Alberni canal several small properties have been worked intermittently but energetically during the season. On China creek little has been done, although the Golden Eagle men are now getting in a long tunnel to tap their ledge at a lower level; while on Granite creek, the Three W's has been shipping at intervals during the summer, their ledge or paystreak being a small but very rich one. The Starlight and one or two other quartz properties on Sproat lake have reached the stage justifying extensive development during 1900 and in the San Juan and Sarita river valleys, prospecting has been continued in a widening sphere, the ledge hunters having discovered a number of low grade galena properties, sufficient to induce them to continue their researches with good hopes. On Seymour Narrows, Thurlow Island and Howe Sound, development has advanced apace, large bodies of [illegible] copper ore being in evidence, [illegible] low grade. At the southern end of Texada, too, some development work being done on magnetite propositions carrying a little copper. To pass very briefly in review over the vast field of mining activity on the provincial Mainland it may be stated with conservatism that prospects generally were never more bright. In the Rossland camp it is true there are no new shippers with the exception of the Centre Star, yet the volume and the value of the ore product have increased immensely, having a most important bearing upon the general production total. Nelson district—disassociated from the Slocan—has held its own, the Hall Mines being at present in a better position than for some time past, although not running for a time owing to the miners having allowed the smelter men to catch up to them on the ore. In the vicinity of Ymir many prospects are being converted into mines, and others improving their showing; while at other parts of the district much prospecting is being done and with generally favorable results. The big mines of the Slocan had mapped out a programme of active work for 1899 that if carried out would have enabled the camp to make a truly magnificent showing at the close of the season. To defeat their plans, however, came the Eight-Hour Law, and the continued depreciation of silver values—and the mines have since been idle and the towns they had supported, struggling for bare existence. The desertion of the mines may be said to have had one beneficial result to the country at large—it has sent a small army of capable, experienced prospectors into the field, and the entire district has been thoroughly exploited as it certainly would not have been under anticipated conditions. Up the Lardeau and the Duncan river a new mining district has sprung up, owing to the activity of the prospectors going in ahead of the railway that is to connect Trout lake with the head of Kootenay lake. The prospects in this territory are good, and in the expectation of a great mining camp coming into existence, such thriving su[illegible]towns as Lardeau, Argenta and [illegible]a City have come into life and are [illegible]spering. In East Kootenay the construction of the Crow's Nest railway and the operation of the immense coal mines near Fernie have stimulated mining enterprise vastly, many promising claims having commenced development in the vicinity of Moyie, Fort Steele, Windermere and Cranbrook, and preparations being now under way for the establishment of a smelter that will treat the ores economically without a waste of margin money in transportation charges. Passing to the Boundary Creek country, it, too, is found to present a scene of admirable activity, the advent of the railway having brought the opportunity of developing the immense properties close at hand and in the camps tributary to the city of Greenwood. Grand Forks mine owners, too, have done a very appreciable amount of work in the way of development, although none of their mines can as yet be properly classed as shippers. Indeed they will never, and should never be shipping mines, the ore being of too low a grade to be disposed of with profit if carried out for treatment. The erection of smelters at Greenwood and at Grand Forks with sufficient capacity to handle the ores of the immense adjacent mines, solves the great problem for the mine owners, and establishes the future of the important camp. In the Similkameen country, indications are being presented of immense copper properties; in the Kamloops and North Thompson tract, native copper finds of considerable magnitude are enthusiastically spoken of; on the upper reaches of the Fraser preparations are advancing for important gold dredging operations, to be initiated during the next few months, Mr. John Cobbledick being one of the leaders in this enterprise; in Cariboo, the operations of the Cariboo Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Co., have been and are being attended with very considerable success; and in the Mainland coast mines development has brought little discouragement. It is certainly a disappointment that the Dorothy Morton should have shut down, having apparently run off the lead, after presenting an output of $100,000 in gold, all recovered by the cyanide process. The syndicate backing this mine is understood to have large investments also in South Africa, and it is owing to the uncertainty of events in that troubled part of the world that the progress at the Dorothy Morton is unfortunately halted. To speak of the mining year in British Columbia—it has on the whole been good, despite the unfortunate shutting down of the Slocan mines, which has stimulated the development of individual prospects and sent into the hills a greater number of intelligent lode hunters than would under any other conditions have taken the field. The increase of production by quite 50 per cent. is certainly indicative of a good year; while the features of 1899 may be classed as the augmentation of the substantial product of the Rossland camp; the rapid coming into prominence of the Atlin district, as both a quartz and a placer field; and the satisfactory exploiting of the copper-gold resources of Vancouver Island where the prospected area is being rapidly extended and prospects of copper-gold, copper-silver, and copper alone—the copper being always the basis of value—being converted into shipping mines.

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The total value of British Columbia's mineral production for 1899 is not at present available, but it will be approximately in the neighborhood of $15,000,000.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Victoria Registration District.

During 1899 there were registered with the registrar of births, deaths and marriages for Victoria registration district, which includes as far north as Cowichan, 362 births, 280 deaths and 215 marriages. This is exclusive of Indians. As Sheriff McMillan during the same period issued 228 marriage licenses, it will be seen that a few either changed their minds of forgot to register.

Ald. R. T. Williams will be a candidate for Central Ward at the coming municipal election.

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Record of the Victoria Fire Department During the Past Year.

Some of the Improvements That Have Been Made — Some Needed.

The close of the year adds the remarkably small total of $34,500 to the losses by fire in this city. Since 1886 the highest yearly loss was estimated at $57,560, and the lowest $8,560. Within the fire limits no serious fires occurred; the heaviest loss took place on December 28, 1898, when a fire originated in the Heathorn building while the firemen were fighting another fire on Churchway. The most destructive fires during recent years were the British Columbia Electric Railway power-house, Jacob Sehl's residence and Government House, all frame buildings outside the fire limits. The highest losses at any fire during twelve years amounted to $38,000, and the average yearly losses are estimated at $28,500. The city covers 5,000 acres, and the value of property liable to destruction by fire is estimated at $17,000,000. The mayor, fire wardens and board of aldermen added materially to the equipment of the fire department during the year. The new halls and engines will last many years. With a fire hall in Victoria West and further protection in the northern part of the city, the danger in the residential districts will be minimized. Insurance rates are lower in Victoria than in any other city on the Pacific Coast, and insurance men consider that a reduced rate will be given when the pressure of water is increased and a permanent fire department installed. The monthly record for 1899 and the yearly losses since 1886 are as follows:

MONTHLY RECORD—1899.

Year.	Fires.	Losses.
January	3	25
February	11	2,340
March	5	60
April	6	8,050
May	9	20,125
June	8	30
July	16	1,729
August	6	1,600
September	8	35
October	7	85
November	3	60
December	7	460
	89	$34,500

YEARLY RECORD.

Year.	Fires.	Losses.
1887	29	$42,750
1888	64	16,000
1889	34	8,560
1890	81	10,795
1891	57	10,970
1892	93	52,187
1893	61	18,900
1894	56	57,560
1895	104	24,243
1896	76	9,940
1897	92	14,472
1898	90	52,500
1899	89	34,500

VANCOUVER STATISTICS.

Brisk Trade Shown by Customs and Inland Revenue Returns—The Police Court Figures.

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—The following is the comparative statement of inland revenue returns for the years 1898 and 1899 by months:

Month.	1898.	1899.
January	$ 17,542 56	$ 21,636 36
February	20,146 72	20,677 44
March	18,854 97	22,124 42
April	20,335 50	25,293 27
May	24,491 59	27,330 57
June	39,668 41	29,072 99
July	26,569 12	26,965 92
August	24,102 15	28,315 43
September	22,070 26	30,638 16
October	23,937 08	29,273 06
November	22,596 10	30,457 45
December	29,747 83	29,817 05
	$290,062 29	$321,002 12

The year 1899 thus shows an increase over the preceding year of $30,939.83.

The following are the customs returns for the year 1899: Imports, $3,300,000; exports, $2,200,000; duties collected, $777,000; other receipts, $73,000; total revenue, $850,000.

The vital statistics for the year 1899 as recorded at the government registry office are as follows: Births, 473; deaths, 353; marriages, 252.

The police court convictions at Vancouver for the year 1899 were 1,230; 1898, 1,202; 1897, 818; 1896, 674; 1895, 505. During 1899 there were 482 convicted for drunkenness; vagrancy, 95; assault, 44; breach of Indian act, 35; inmate bawdy house, 16; breach of health by-law, 76; gambling, 45; breach of the peace, 33.

There has been a slight increase in the price of bread in Vancouver. For the new year it will be 20 loaves for $1.

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Awakening Due to the Knowledge Derived from Farmers' Institutes.

By Mr. J. R. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

During the last season agriculture has been receiving more attention from a scientific point of view than ever before. Farmers are realizing that to make husbandry a paying occupation they must give some study to the details of the chemistry of the soil and plant life; they begin to realize that they cannot make unlimited demands upon their farms without some reciprocity in the shape of replacing that which is taken away. They are realizing in a greater degree that unless heed is given to the spraying and cultivation of fruit trees they cannot expect profitable returns. This awakening is no doubt due in a great measure to the effect of the teaching through the medium of farmers' institutes and the hard lessons of experience; nevertheless much still remains to be done. The thousand and one details of a life on the farm tending to the improvement or enrichment of the farm, small in themselves, but in the aggregate making a very large total are but too often disregarded. Farms such as that of Mr. Wells at Chilliwack are object lessons which should be studied carefully.

The season having been exceptionally wet in all the most settled portions of the province grain has not been saved in as good condition as could be desired. All through the Spallumcheen and Okanagan districts during the months of July and August rain retarded harvesting operations materially and in some instances destroyed the grain in the stooks. The consequence was that not only was the quality in a great measure injured but the quantity was reduced and before it could be taken to the mills the roads became bad and the delivery of the grain is now delayed until snow falls in sufficient quantity to make sleighing practicable. For the same reason the hay on the lower mainland suffered greatly and a considerable quantity has had to be felt on the fields. On Vancouver and gulf islands the conditions existed in a less degree, resulting in a smaller loss. The large yield of both grain and hay, however, partly compensated for the losses sustained. Root crops gave very large returns of a superior quality. This was evinced by the displays at the agricultural shows where the exhibits were noticeable for their excellence. From Kamloops, Ashcroft, Chilliwack, Read island, Nanaimo and other places potatoes were received by the department of agriculture of prodigeous size and exceptional quality. The Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion minister of agriculture, was very much impressed by the displays of vegetables and fruit at New Westminster and Kamloops, and expressed his surprise at the size they attained. Fruit was decidedly variable both in yield and quality and in fact it ranged all the way from bad to good. In parts of the upper mainland the apple crop could not be beaten, whilst on the lower mainland and islands, some orchards produced good crops and others were almost a total failure. The quality in all cases was scarcely up to the average, the coloring being especially deficient. Some remarkable specimens of apples were obtained from the orchard of Manuel Barcello at Keremeos and sent to the department of agriculture by Mr. McKelvie of Vernon, some of which weighed within a fraction of two pounds. Casts have been taken of the best for exhibition purposes.

The production of other fruit was more evenly divided but the unfavorable summer weather militated greatly against the successful shipment of stone fruits to the Northwest Territories and Manitoba. The climatological variations are among the most unaccountable phenomena of any country and this province with its huge mountainous ranges, deep valleys, innumerable lakes, islands, and fiords, is possibly more subject to such unaccountable changes than most others. For instance during the last summer whilst in such sections of the dry belt where the rainfall is usually very small, the precipitation was excessive and in other portions where the humidity is generally excessive, irrigation had to be resorted to. The latter condition was noticably the case at Cape Scott.

Amongst the effects of a cold damp summer the absence of honey in flowers is one of the conditions which directly influence the apiarist. This was greatly felt at Chilliwack where the honey crop fell from a very large one to nil. On the other hand the excessive wet promoted a fine growth of fodder so that dairying was proportionately benefited and as a consequence a large accession of good sound butter has been placed on the market. This industry has taken great strides of late and we look to the time not far distant when the importation of this necessary article of food will not only cease but it is hoped that enough may be produced for export as well.

Cheese is not produced for the reason that as long as butter can be produced at a much better profit there is no incentive for its manufacture.

The influence of the abnormal quantity of rain has also had the effect of keeping the ranges well supplied with a green growth of grass which has kept the beef cattle in good condition, this being testified by the excellent quality of beef in the markets.

Poultry is not a branch that is prosecuted to the extent it should be and enormous quantities of turkeys, geese, ducks and fowls are imported into the province from the East. This should not be. The climate of the province is admirably suited to the pursuit of this industry, which is most profitable when it is properly prosecuted and if it is taken hold of in the right way it would no doubt prove highly remunerative.

Much the same may be said of sheep and swine and although a considerable quantity of these are produced, by far the largest proportion of what is consumed is imported from the other provinces and from the adjoining states.

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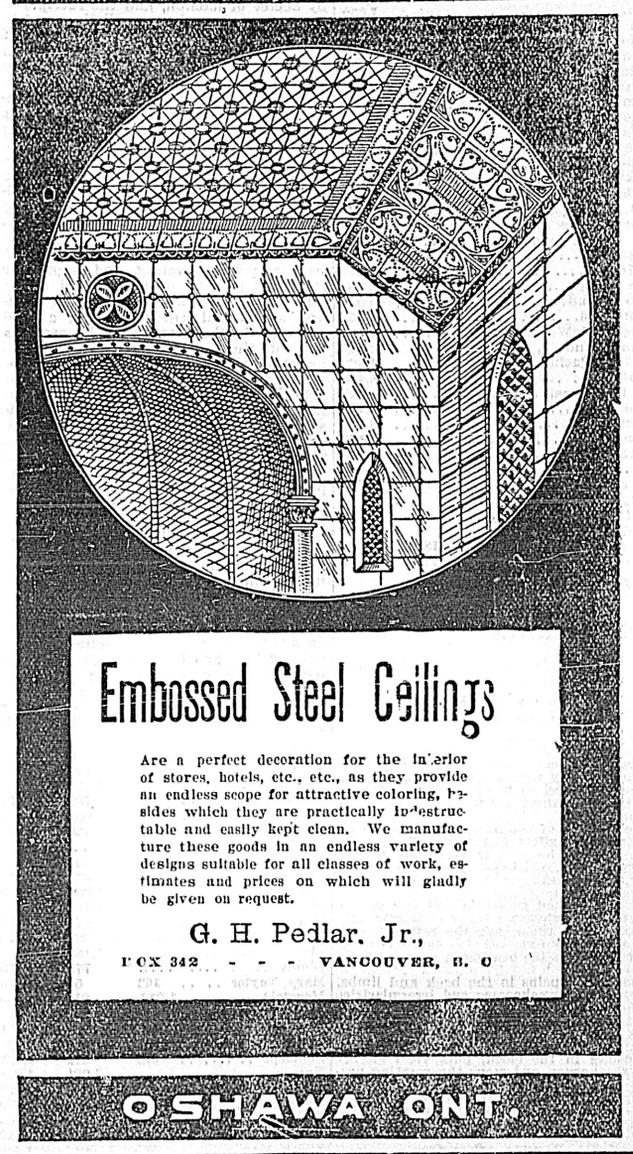

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